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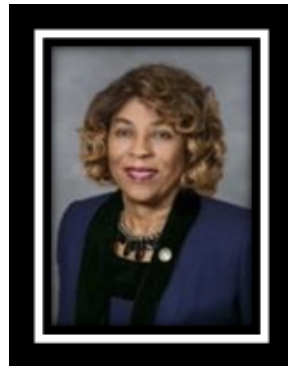
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The Waddell Bulletin



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Dear Friends:

March is Women's History Month. Its origins date back more than 30 years, when President Carter proclaimed the second week of March as National Women's History Week in 1980. Seven years later, as the result of a persistent national lobbying effort, Congress passed a public law designating the month of March as Women's History Month. Since 1987, each president has issued annual proclamations calling upon citizens to observe and celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of American women.

This month is a time to celebrate the vital role of women in American history while facing the storm of the century, COVID-19.

The eye of this storm has not yet passed over our state. Governor Cooper has issued a strong response to the first wave of this virus. Legislators stand with Governor Cooper and we are working to deploy relief action at the first break in the clouds.

We are all in this together; and, together, we will weather this storm. Governor Cooper has taken extraordinary measures to ensure North Carolinians are safe, and that healthcare workers have the tools they need to slow the spread of COVID-19. That is priority one for state leaders today. There is more work to do, not only to help slow the spread of this

virus, but also to deal with its devastating effect on our economy. This includes changes to unemployment insurance benefits, and establishing lifelines for local businesses

As this crisis continues, we want to thank Governor Cooper, Dr. Mandy Cohen, and the countless healthcare workers across North Carolina that are focused on priority one: minimizing COVID-19's impact on the public's health. Legislators are working behind the scenes, internally and with Congress to ensure that we have a state relief package ready to address concerns we hear from constituents every day.

Here are some resources that may be helpful:

- If you feel sick and think you might have coronavirus, call your primary care doctor. If you don't have a primary care doctor, call the COVID-19 helpline at 1-866-462-3821.***
- If you have lost your job or had your work hours cut drastically due to COVID-19, consider applying for unemployment benefits [here](#).***
- If you own a small business that has been harmed by COVID-19, consider applying for a disaster relief loan [here](#).***
- For more information, visit the websites of the [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services](#), and the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#).***

Help Lines:

Text Updates: Text COVID19 to 889211 to sign up for statewide updates

COVID-19 Updates: 1-888-892-1162

Childcare Assistance: 1-888-600-1685

General Questions: 1-866-462-3821

Report a Scam: 1-877-5NO-SCAM

Small Business Help Line:

1-800-659-2955

2019 Tax Filing Concerns:

1-877-252-3052

Session News

Office of the North Carolina Senate Democratic Caucus Senate Democrats Shaping Legislative Response to Public Health 'Storm'

Senator Democratic Leader Dan Blue and Democratic Whip Jay Chaudhuri released the following statement regarding legislative action on COVID-19:

“COVID-19 is the storm of the century. We are all dealing with major disruptions in our daily lives; and serious threats to our livelihoods and to our health. Governor Cooper has taken extraordinary measures to ensure North Carolinians are safe, and that healthcare workers have the tools they need to slow the spread of COVID-19.

“This pandemic is unprecedented, and we understand the anxiety and uncertainty families are feeling each day.

“We want you to know what the Senate Democratic Caucus is doing today, and what to expect from legislators in the coming days and weeks.

“Senate Democrats have established a working group to monitor major aspects of this health crisis – such as education, public safety, and economic impact – and find solutions. These are problems that can be solved by connecting resources; others will need legislative action in the aftermath of this crisis.

“It is important that, once the federal aid package is approved, we return to Raleigh ready to act on a number of critical issues facing North Carolina.

“Before the General Assembly reconvenes, Senate Democrats will share legislative recommendations with Governor Cooper and with our Republican colleagues in order to gain bipartisan support for a comprehensive relief package.

“We have capable leaders and staff in the senate listening to constituent concerns and working with experts to make sure we provide meaningful relief quickly to all who need it.

“As this crisis continues, we want to thank Governor Cooper, Dr. Mandy Cohen, and the countless healthcare workers across North Carolina that are focused on priority one: minimizing COVID-19’s impact on the public’s health. With Governor Cooper’s leadership paving the way for recovery, we know that North Carolina will

weather this storm.”

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Congratulations to Sheriff Putney As Distinguished alumni of the year st the UNCC special luncheon. Members of the Mecklenburg delegation joined in the celebration.





League of Women Voters present special recognition to Senator Waddell.



West Charlotte culinary arts class is congratulated in wonderful culinary arts at special celebration for Superintendent Winston.

***I cannot achieve anything without the support of my constituents.
Thank you very much for your continued support!***

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