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August was marked with continued cases of COVID-19 and nearly 100 days of continuous protests around the country since the murder of George Floyd. In the midst of this trying time, I continue to believe that the difference in this moment that I felt in June as I marched with diverse crowds chanting Black Lives Matter is real. The difference I felt and still feel is HOPE. For that HOPE to be a reality, we must make sure we have a solid plan to vote whether it's in person (if you feel safe to do so) or by absentee ballot. Then, it's



important to take the extra step and make sure that 5 or more of your friends, family members, or co-workers do the same thing, and then ask each of them to recruit 5 or more people to do the same thing! We have <60 days until election day and victory on November 3! Read this newsletter to find ways to support that Hope for a brighter Congressional District 9 and America.

-- Cynthia Wallace

Get Your Calendar Out:

Cynthia's schedule is booked up with events across NC-09. Here are just a few:

We'll be hosting a Town Hall with Josh Stein Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00pm. We're heading to Hoke County for her Virtual Listening Tour Town Hall on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00pm. Then, on September 17th she will be holding a virtual fundraiser with Dan McCready. Check back in on our Facebook page and watch your emails for more details soon.

We're also teaming up with NC Dems every Wednesday for **Wallace Wednesdays Phone Banking!** Help us #FliptheNinth by signing up for a shift here.

Let's get social!

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Did you miss your social media kit this week? My team has put together a social media toolkit for all of our supporters to use and help spread the word on our campaign. Cover photos, graphics, and example posts are all available to download here!

COVID-19 Update:

On Tuesday, Governor Cooper announced that North Carolina will be moving into "Phase 2.5" by opening up some gyms and other businesses with limited capacity. Bars will still remain closed. See the changes below:

Safer at Home • Phase 2.5 After a summer of hard work to slow the spread of COVID-19, North Carolina will take a modest step forward move into Phase 2.5 starting Friday, September 4th at 5pm. Phase 2 Phase 2.5		
Face Coverings	Required	Required
Mass Gathering Limits	10 indoor 25 outdoor	25 indoor 50 outdoor
Places of Worship	Open	Open
Parks and Recreation	Open	Open
Restaurants/ Salons/ Personal Care	50% Capacity	50% Capacity
Gyms/ Indoor Exercise	Closed	30% Capacity
Playgrounds	Closed	Open
Museums	Closed	50% Capacity
Retail Businesses	50% Capacity	50% Capacity
Pools	50% Capacity	50% Capacity
Bars/Nightclubs	Closed	Closed
Movie Theaters/ Indoor Entertainment	Closed	Closed
Amusement Parks	Closed	Closed

As businesses slowly continue to open, the state is rolling out a <u>new PSA ad campaign</u> encouraging North Carolinians to wear face masks to slow the virus' spread.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed a \$1 billion spending bill that will use the rest of the federal relief funds. The bill includes a \$335 stimulus check for parents with children under the age of 18 to offset costs of distance learning.

The start of September marked 6 months since the first positive case of COVID-19

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was reported in the state. As of September 4, over 172,000 positive cases have been reported in North Carolina. Read more updates here.

Cynthia CARES:

NC-09's rural counties are being hit hard by the COVID-19, exposing the underlying problems with our healthcare system. That's why Cynthia hosted a virtual town hall on healthcare in rural North Carolina with professionals in the field across eastern NC-09. We need leadership like Cynthia that listens to experts so they can address problems affecting North Carolinians. To learn more about the discussion, watch here.



The 411: Voting in North Carolina

Over 618,000 ballots are heading towards North Carolinians' mailboxes right now as a record-high number of voters turned to absentee voting in November. To ensure every vote gets counted their updated protocols for the absentee ballot process.

In addition, more early voting sites are opening. For example, Mecklenburg County is doubling their locations with offering more large space venues to keep voters safe while participating in democracy.

Want to vote by mail this year, but haven't requested a ballot? It's not too late! Request your ballot online here. Interested in becoming a poll worker? Help defend our democracy and become a poll worker today, here.



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Thank you for being a part of our campaign! Check back next month for September's wrap-up to hear more about what Cynthia and Team Wallace has been up to and our path moving forward towards victory.

-- Team Wallace

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