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Cumberland Celebrates County Government Month in April, Seeks Feedback for Website Redesign

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County government is celebrating National County Government Month in April by showcasing how it delivers essential services to ensure a healthy, vibrant and safe community. Citizens are encouraged to follow Cumberland County social media sites for quick snippets on county services.

The County is also seeking input through April 10 from residents about the County's website. The feedback will assist in the upcoming website redesign. A short survey is available on the County's website at <u>co.cumberland.nc.us</u> or at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTRBPH5</u>.

The social media public awareness campaign promotes how the County's more than 30 departments play a vital role in the community by providing human services, public health, law enforcement, tax administration, animal control, agricultural assistance, libraries and more. Cumberland County's general fund budget for fiscal 2017 totals \$327 million and provides \$78.7 million for Cumberland County Schools.

Several county events are planned during National County Government Month.

- The Department of Public Health's annual **Health and Education Fair is Wednesday, April 5,** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Public Health Center, 1235 Ramsey St., in celebration of National Public Health Week. The health fair is free, open to the public and will highlight health department programs. There will be information handouts, refreshments and prizes.
- Commissioner-appointed advisory board members and residents interested in serving on a committee will participate in **"How to be an Effective Board Member" training April 10-11** in the Crown Complex Ballroom. Trainer Denise Ryan is leading two 90-minute sessions on April 10 at 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last session is at 8 a.m. on April 11. One of the County's strategic objectives is to enhance collaboration between county government and other boards, committees and commissions. Commissioners appoint residents to a total of 360 positions on 38 boards.
- Participants in the County's **Citizens' Academy** will graduate from the six-week program on **April 11**. The free program focuses on the roles and responsibilities of county departments.
- The Cumberland County Public Library and Information Center is hosting the **N.C. Science Festival April 7-23**. Learn more at <u>www.cumberland.lib.nc.us</u>.

For more information, visit co.cumberland.nc.us or follow the county on: <u>Facebook.com/CumberlandNC</u>; <u>twitter.com/CumberlandNC</u>; <u>instagram.com/cumberlandcountync/</u> and <u>youtube.com/user/CumberlandCountyNC</u>.