

North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature



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NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature Inducts Kathryn Lawler as Delegate for Brunswick County

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At its first General Session of 2022, the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature inducted local resident Kathryn Lawler as Brunswick County's Delegate.

Lawler is a retired Registered Nurse with 58 years' experience in all fields of nursing, administration, and education. She holds a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Arts in Human Development, and Ph.D. in Psychology. A Brunswick County resident for 22 years, she has also worked as a realtor for the last 15 years. She is actively involved in healthcare advocacy, serving on the Brunswick County Health and Human Services Advisory Committee and the NC Governor's Task Force on Heart Disease and Stroke.

Lawler says of her appointment to the NC STHL: "I am honored to be selected to serve on STHL as Brunswick's Delegate and look forward to helping the senior citizens of our community. Living in southeastern North Carolina and working with the senior population in both health care and real estate, I have identified critical needs among this population. Additionally, I consider myself and my husband as very active seniors and have experienced personally the needs of the elderly." Lawler is especially concerned about the scarcity of resources for geriatric psychiatric care, the quality of care in long-term facilities, the need for affordable services for dementia and memory care, the cost of medications, need for affordable housing, and the growing problem of elder abuse.

Lawler's addition to the NCSTHL will give her a powerful platform to work towards improving the quality of life for older adults not only in Brunswick, but across the entire state. She welcomes opportunities to speak with residents, stakeholders, and community groups in the county in support of her role as an advocate for older adults.

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About the NC STHL: The North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature was created by the North Carolina General Assembly with the passage of Senate Bill 479 in July of 1993. Its purpose is to identify the most pressing issues facing older adults across the state and propose to the NC General Assembly legislation that will improve their quality of life. It is comprised of Delegates and Alternates representing each of North Carolina's 100 counties and operates on a two-year term cycle. Delegates and Alternates are appointed by and work closely with the Area Agencies on Aging within the state's sixteen service areas. They meet regularly throughout the year to review local and regional needs and determine legislative priorities to pursue at the statewide NCSTHL meetings. In addition, each STHL works in their own county advocating for resources and solutions for older adults. Please visit the Cape Fear Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging for additional resources at this link: <https://capefearcog.org/area-agency-on-aging/>.

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