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## **Commissioner David Barlow elected to serve as Chairman of the Fayette County Board of Health**

**Fayette County, Georgia, January 21, 2016-** The Fayette County Board of Health, in its special called meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, unanimously voted County Commissioner David Barlow to serve as the Chairman of the Health Board.

Each County Board of Health has seven members who must be at least 21 years old. The law sets out the requirements for each of those seven positions, and who appoints those members. One of the appointments include a county governing authority that is designated by the Board of Commissioners.

Shortly after being sworn in as county commissioner, in January 2013, Commissioner Barlow accepted the opportunity to become a board member of the Fayette County Board of Health.

Commission Chairman Charles Oddo commented, “Commissioner Barlow is passionate about the health and well-being of Fayette’s citizens. His election to chair will benefit all our community.”

“It’s been a wonderful three years of my life serving on this board; and now I am honored and blessed to be serving as the Chairman. We have added several dynamic new members to include Dr. Loida Bonney, MD, MPH, Becky Smith and Ted Toles. As we move forward this year, we will be focusing much of our attention in developing more community awareness.” says Commissioner Barlow.

This recent appointment for Commissioner Barlow comes shortly after serving as the Vice Chairman of the Fayette County Health Board. In April 2015, he was elected to serve as Vice Chairman to the Georgia Board of Health and soon after on May 19, 2015 the Fayette County Board of Health voted to have Commissioner Barlow serve as the Vice Chairman as well. His appointment as Chairman is aligned with his passion to make an impact on public health.

Commissioner Barlow stated that, “Fayette County is and shall remain one of the healthiest counties in Georgia. Having been designated number one in *availability* of quality healthcare, it is also our goal to become number one in *access* to quality healthcare. God bless Fayette County!”

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