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MORRISH APPOINTS SAWYER AS CHAIR OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY

NC Senator to Oversee Committee for Duration of Year

Manasquan, NJ – During the NCOIL Special Committee on Natural Disaster Recovery interim committee call on Monday, Louisiana Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish, NCOIL President, announced that he has appointed North Carolina Senator Vickie Sawyer as Chair of the committee.

"I am pleased that Senator Sawyer is willing to serve as Chair of this important special committee" said Morrish. "She will help develop and update the NCOIL State Flood Disaster and Mitigation Relief Model Act that will serve states well in my estimation."

"It is an exciting opportunity to serve as Chair of this Committee" said Sawyer. "As an insurance agent, state Senator and a North Carolina resident, I see all too often that we need solutions to help communities after a natural disaster."

The committee heard from legislators and interested parties on the best course of action regarding the private flood insurance market. The committee will meet again in person at the NCOIL National Summer Meeting in Newport Beach, CA from July 10th – 13th.

"Senator Sawyer is a welcome addition to the NCOIL leadership team" said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. "She will bring unique insights and talents to help develop solutions."

"I am pleased that our recruiting efforts brought North Carolina to participate as an NCOIL Contributing State beginning last year and legislators like Senator Sawyer to participate." Considine concluded.

Senator Sawyer's biography is below.

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Senator Vickie Sawyer (NC-34) (Iredell, Yadkin)

Senator Vickie Sawyer currently serves as Senator to the 34th Senate district of North Carolina representing Iredell and Yadkin counties. Prior to serving the 34th district, Senator Sawyer was appointed in August, 2018 to represent the 44th Senate district of North Carolina after Republican activists picked her to complete the two-year term of Sen. David Curtis.

Senator Sawyer is a licensed insurance agent. An active member of her community, Sawyer formerly served as Treasurer of the Iredell County Republican Party among other various civic and church activities.

She is a graduate of UNC-Charlotte where she received a B.A. in Special Education. Senator Sawyer currently resides in Mooresville, NC with her husband Brett and their two daughters, Sydney and Braedy.

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