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COUNTY MANAGER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Today, Thursday, July 25, 2013, Wake County Manager David Cooke announced that he will retire at the end of November, after more than 13 years as County Manager and over 17 years with Wake County.

“The past 13 years have been truly wonderful and gratifying,” said Cooke. “I have been very fortunate to work with very capable and dedicated elected officials, smart and talented county employees and an innovative management team. Our collective efforts are what make Wake County a great place to live, work and play. Wake County is well-poised for continued success in the future.”

Cooke’s public service work began in 1983 working with the City of Charlotte. Other than a one-year Presidential Management Internship with the federal government, he has worked in local government for the past 30 years. “I have no immediate plans,” said Cooke. “But I am excited about pursuing some new adventure next year.”

“David Cooke has served Wake County and our residents extremely well over the past 13 years as County Manager,” said Joe Bryan, Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners. “He has built an exceptional team and helped guide our County through tremendous growth and through the most challenging of economic times. In my opinion, David Cooke is the best County Manager in America!”

The Board of Commissioners will begin the search process for a new County Manager in August.

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