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### INTERIM HEALTH DIRECTOR NAMED FOR ORANGE COUNTY

HILLSBOROUGH - Effective June 1, Dorothy Cilenti, DrPh, has been named Interim Health Director for Orange County until the Orange County Board of Health identifies a permanent health director to replace Dr. Rosemary Summers who is retiring May 31.

“The Board of Health is pleased to have identified Dorothy Cilenti, a highly qualified public health professional who has experience leading a health department, to serve as interim health director. Dr. Cilenti will manage the daily operations of the health department with the full support of a strong and well-trained health department staff. Having Dr. Cilenti serve as interim health director will enable the Board of Health to focus its attention on identifying a top-notch health director for Orange County,” said Dr. Anissa I. Vines, Chair, Orange County Board of Health.

Cilenti is the deputy director of the North Carolina Institute for Public Health, the outreach unit of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, where she is also a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Maternal and Child Health.

Prior to joining the Institute, she was health director for both Chatham and Alamance Counties, and was part of the State Health Director’s management team in Raleigh. She earned her DrPH and her Masters of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health at UNC.

“I am excited about using this unique opportunity to better link academia and public health practice,” said Cilenti.

#### About the North Carolina Institute for Public Health

The Institute is the University’s bridge between public health practice and academia. It develops and offers programs that focus on workforce development, accreditation and quality improvement in local health departments, public health preparedness, and healthy environments.

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