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**Senator Renee Unterman Recognized**

*-Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Departments-*

**GWINNETT** – On October 3, Senator Renee Unterman was recognized for her work in support of Georgia Public Health through the presentation of an award from the Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA). She was also named a member of the Association.

Dr. Lloyd Hofer, District Health Director for the Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Departments, made the presentation on behalf of the Association. “We thank Senator Unterman for being instrumental in the successful effort to update the state allocation formula for the state funded General Grant-in-Aid to local health departments in Georgia,” says Hofer.

While Gwinnett County has one of the largest populations in the state, funding allocations have not kept up with the population growth. The recent revising of this formula provides some much needed financial relief to Gwinnett County Public Health, as well as 140 other counties statewide.

“I would like to thank the Georgia Public Health Association for this award,” said Senator Unterman. “I will continue to work with other state representatives, striving for equalization and fairness as we make improvements in public health.”

Senator Unterman is Chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. She has long been an advocate of public health, and has twice been named a "Public Health Hero" by the Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA). Throughout her service of 22 years as a public servant on the local and state government level, Senator Unterman has focused on health and social law, consumer issues, and has given special attention to the young and vulnerable, as well as the elderly citizens of Georgia.

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