Wayne Goodwin
Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal

Wayne Goodwin was elected by the citizens of North Carolina in 2008 as the state’s tenth Insurance Commissioner.

As Insurance Commissioner, Goodwin has been a champion for consumers through fair ratemaking, injury prevention efforts, and close regulation of insurance company solvency and industry practices.

Since taking the oath of office, he has redoubled the department’s efforts in fighting insurance fraud and has saved approximately $1 billion for North Carolina’s consumers and businesses.

In addition to his responsibilities as Insurance Commissioner, Goodwin is the State Fire Marshal and plays a vital role in protecting lives and property in North Carolina. The Office of State Fire Marshal is responsible for training fire and rescue personnel, administering the state building code, securing property insurance for state-owned buildings, and reviewing construction plans for state building projects.

A native of Hamlet, North Carolina, where his family was active in agriculture, banking and textiles, Goodwin served as the Assistant Insurance Commissioner from 2004 to 2008. Prior to joining the Department of Insurance, Goodwin served for four consecutive terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives where he represented Richmond, Scotland, Montgomery and Stanly Counties.

Goodwin is a Morehead Scholar and U.S. Senate/William Randolph Hearst Scholar. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with honors in political science, and received his juris doctorate from the University of North Carolina School of Law before practicing law in Richmond County for 13 years.

Goodwin and his wife, Melanie Wade Goodwin — who served three terms in the State House of Representatives from 2005-2010 — are the proud parents of daughter Madison and son Jackson.