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Trump Administration Appoints Kris Warner to Serve as State Director for USDA Rural Development in West Virginia

Morgantown, WV, January 4, 2018 - The Trump Administration recently appointed Kris Warner as the new State Director for USDA Rural Development in West Virginia. Warner began his new role on Monday, November 13.

“It’s an honor to be selected by President Trump to fill this extremely important position as State Director of USDA Rural Development in West Virginia,” Warner said. “I look forward to working with the President, Secretary of Agriculture and the Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development to efficiently and effectively deliver USDA Rural Development programs to the residents of rural West Virginia.” Warner went on to add, “Working together with our staff, we will strive to increase rural prosperity and enhance customer service through enhanced innovation and expanded partnerships.”

Warner brings more than 30 years of experience in residential and commercial real estate as well as energy development. Warner attended West Virginia University, is a graduate of the Leadership West Virginia program and a charter member of Leadership Monongalia. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Mr. Warner has spent much of his career as an entrepreneur, small business owner and community leader. He has a wealth of experience in successfully engaging with a variety of partners to improve communities and build stronger, more diverse economies.

As State Director, Warner will use his leadership experience to oversee Rural Development programs in a customer-focused manner to restore prosperity in rural West Virginia.

Under the direction of Secretary Sonny Perdue, the USDA will always be facts-based and data-driven with a decision-making mindset that is customer-focused. Secretary Perdue leads the USDA with four guiding principles: to maximize the ability of American agriculture to create jobs, sell foods and fiber, and feed and clothe the world; to prioritize customer service for the taxpayers; to ensure that our food supply is safe and secure; and to maintain good stewardship of the natural resources that provide us with our miraculous bounty. And understanding that we live in a global economy where trade is of top importance, Secretary Perdue has pledged to be an unapologetic advocate for American agriculture.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; homeownership; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.