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COURINGTON TAPPED AS CHART'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NASHVILLE – Veteran nonprofit grassroots campaign manager Shelley Courington has been named executive director of Campaign for a Healthy and Responsible Tennessee (CHART). Courington will manage the day-to-day administrative, legislative and media efforts for the statewide organization.

Prior to joining CHART, Courington worked for five years at the American Cancer Society of Middle Tennessee, where she most recently served as the division grassroots director. During her time at ACS, she developed successful legislative grassroots campaigns that led to significant tobacco policy changes in Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee.

“It’s an exciting time to be named CHART’s executive director,” Courington said. “I’ve always been passionate about my work, and I’m looking forward to working with CHART’s supporters on political and social efforts to make Tennessee a smoke-free state.”

Before her work with the American Cancer Society, Courington served as the tobacco control coordinator for the Metro Nashville Public Health Department and as a public health educator for the Tennessee Department of Health’s tobacco control program. She was responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Smoke-Free Nashville coalition and implementing anti-tobacco programs across the state.

“Shelley’s experience in public health programs and grassroots campaigns makes her very qualified to lead CHART’s efforts to educate the public on tobacco’s dangers, to mobilize them and to improve their quality of life,” said CHART Board Chairwoman Doris Spain. “Her experience and knowledge of the issues will be tremendous assets to us.”

Courington earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, Ala.

CHART is a membership-based grassroots coalition designed to educate the public and motivate Tennesseans to make political change. The central mission of CHART is to improve the quality of life for all Tennesseans by preventing disease, disability and death caused by tobacco use. CHART is a cooperative effort of more than 50 partner organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the American Lung Association, the Tennessee Public Health Association and the Tennessee Medical Association. Learn more at www.tnchart.org.

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