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**DJJ COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER HOLT APPOINTED**

**(ATLANTA - GA)** The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce the appointment of a newly named DJJ Board member by Governor Nathan Deal. Commissioner L. Gale Buckner will confirm the appointment of veteran Georgia law enforcement agent Angie Holt during the next regular DJJ Board meeting in April. "We are excited and honored Angie Holt has chosen to assist us in projecting this agency forward," said Commissioner Buckner.

Angie Holt's distinguished career in Georgia law enforcement spans more than 30 years with professional contributions to five Georgia criminal justice agencies – including the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Family and Children's Services and as consultant for Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and State Board of Pardons and Paroles. She began her state government service in 1972, working as a clerk dispatcher and radio operator with the Georgia State Patrol while attending college.

As a GBI Special Agent, Holt's assignments ranged from the Special Prosecutions Task Force investigating public corruption crimes, to the GBI's Training Unit where she coordinated specialized training and forensic science classes. Later as Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) she served on the Olympic Training Committee developing law enforcement protocols for officers assigned to the '96 Olympic Games.

At GBI Headquarters Holt worked for the Deputy Director for Investigations and the GBI Director, managing federal information management programs and the Gulf States and Southwest Border States Initiatives. She was promoted to GBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) in 2000. After retiring from the GBI, she was appointed by Georgia's Public Safety Commissioner as Special Investigations Division Director in 2007, where she currently supervises DPS Internal Affairs, Background and Polygraph Units.

In July 2011 Angie Holt was reappointed by Governor Nathan Deal for a second term on Georgia's Sex Offender Registry Review Board which reviews clinical assessments to determine sex offender risk levels throughout the state. She served as Review Board Chair from 2009-2011. She is also a member of the International Association of Women Police, the Reidsville Airport Authority, and serves on the Executive Board of the Georgia Internal Affairs Investigators Association. Holt earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Masters of Public Administration from Georgia Southern College.

Angie Holt will represent the DJJ Board's 8th Congressional District, taking the seat recently vacated when Board Member Stephen K. Simpson stepped down during the March Board meeting to announce his candidacy for Congressman in Georgia's 10<sup>th</sup> District race. Commissioner Buckner expressed the agency's appreciation for Board Member Simpson's service to the Department of Juvenile Justice. The DJJ Board is composed of 15 members representing each Congressional District in the state. DJJ Board members appointed by the Governor are confirmed by the State Senate and provide leadership and guidance to the Commissioner in an advisory capacity to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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