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COMMISSIONER BUCKNER ANNOUNCES ADAM J. KENNEDY APPOINTED NEW AT-LARGE DJJ BOARD MEMBER

(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 Mr. Adam J. Kennedy of Claxton, Georgia during the next regular DJJ Board meeting. Mr. Kennedy is presently the Court Administrator of the Chatham County Juvenile Court in Savannah, Georgia, a post he has held since September 2011.

“Mr. Kennedy has contributed a lifetime of service to juvenile justice programs in Georgia,” said DJJ Commissioner L. Gale Buckner. “We are pleased to name him as a new partner on the Board and we welcome his contributions to the Juvenile Justice team. There are goals to be set to make DJJ safer and more secure and we have more work to do,” said Commissioner Buckner.

Adam Kennedy is a former Regional Administrator for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, retiring last year as Administrator over 44 counties in the DJJ Southeast Region. During his twenty-seven-year agency career he was responsible for all DJJ community programs as well as DJJ detention programs in the region. While serving as District Director he received the Vanguard Award for two consecutive years in recognition of the state’s Outstanding District.

Mr. Kennedy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Mercer University with a minor in Criminal Justice. In 2007, Kennedy was presented the prestigious Harold K. Ables Award by the Georgia Juvenile Services Association to recognize his “outstanding service in the field of Juvenile Justice.” Board Member Kennedy is a native of Evans County and former Chairman of the Evans County Board of Education. He is appointed to the At-Large Board position recently vacated by former Board Member Daniel Menefee whose term has expired.

The DJJ Board is composed of fifteen members representing each Congressional District in the state. DJJ Board members are appointed by the Governor and provide leadership and guidance to the Commissioner in an advisory capacity to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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