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**DJJ COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN
Rome Police Chief Elaine Snow Elected by Unanimous Vote**

(ATLANTA - GA) The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce the election of a new DJJ Board Chairman today. During the regular meeting of the DJJ Board on Thursday, January 24, 2013, Commissioner Avery D. Niles confirmed the election of Board Vice Chair Elaine P. Snow from Lindale, Georgia as the new Chair of the DJJ Board. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Chairman Snow now fills the post held by former Board Chairman Avery Niles who stepped down from that post in November 2012 after being named DJJ Commissioner by Governor Nathan Deal.

Commissioner Niles commended Chairman Snow for her previous service to the Board. "I look forward to a continuing productive relationship with a first class public servant who has devoted great time and effort to making positive changes in the lives of DJJ youth throughout this state," said Commissioner Niles.

Board Chairman Elaine Snow is Chief of Police for the City of Rome Police Department. She has more than 35 years of law enforcement experience ranging from investigations and crime prevention and analysis, to training, accreditation, and management.

"I am honored to serve in this capacity," said Chairman Snow. "I will work diligently to maintain the Board's trust and I thank the members for their confidence."

Snow is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Georgia Law Enforcement Command College and Leadership Rome. Chief Snow is the Georgia representative and Vice Chair to the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Southern Working Group.

The new Board Chair also serves on the Open Door Home Board of Trustees, Georgia Public Safety Training Center-Dalton Academy Advisory Board, and the GBI-Georgia Crime Information Center Advisory Board.

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She earned a Bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State University and a Master's Degree from Columbus State University. She and her husband Tommy have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Board Members serve in an advisory capacity to DJJ, providing leadership and guidance to the Commissioner to help improve services provided by the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice.

"We look forward to making real changes in the lives of our young offenders helped by this smooth transition of new Board leadership," said Commissioner Niles.

The Board is designed for 15 members representing each Congressional District in the state. DJJ Board members are appointed by the Governor.

"We appreciate the vision Governor Deal brings to our mission with each Board appointment. The DJJ Team anticipates many key challenges lying ahead and we congratulate our new Board Chair for accepting that challenge," said Commissioner Niles.

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