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**Dudley Appointed Chief Financial Officer
at Department of Juvenile Justice**

(Atlanta, GA) – Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce a valued addition to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Mrs. Kelly Dudley has been appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer and will lead the DJJ Division of Finance and oversee the agency's \$338 million budget.

Commissioner Niles welcomed CFO Dudley to her new responsibilities with the DJJ Executive Team. "Kelly is a proven leader and is committed to the success of the DJJ mission," said Commissioner Niles. "I know she will help us serve the youth under DJJ care and the citizens of Georgia in an exemplary manner."

Dudley has over 25 years of public/private program management, process improvement and fiscal governance know-how. She brings 15 years of state agency experience, and came to DJJ from the Georgia Department of Agriculture, where she was appointed CFO by Commissioner Gary W. Black in August 2015.

Dudley said, "I am honored to serve Georgia and proud Commissioner Niles selected me for this significant role providing sound fiscal stewardship for the citizens of Georgia and fiscal leadership for DJJ. I am genuinely grateful to serve and to support Commissioner Niles and the important work the DJJ staff and volunteers carry out every day for our youth."

Prior to joining the Department of Agriculture in 2015, Dudley served as the Director of Finance and Administration for Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD). At EPD she managed a \$116 million budget and the human resource functions for 720 personnel.

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From 2008-2011, Dudley served as a Senior Budget & Policy Analyst for the Governor's Office of Planning & Budget (OPB) where she had oversight of multiple state agencies with total combined budgets of \$352M. Her state career began when she was recruited by the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) Information Technology division from ZooAtlanta, where she was known to distance learning students and teachers all over the state as "The Zoo Lady."

Dudley was born in Atlanta, graduated from the University of Georgia and lives in Marietta with her husband and their three dogs. She and her husband are active members of Maple Avenue Methodist Church.

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ABOUT DJJ

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is a multi-faceted agency that serves the needs of this state's young offenders up to the age of 21. The Department employs more than 4,000 men and women at 26 secure facilities and 92 community services offices throughout the state to effect justice and redirect the young lives in the agency's care.

Including those who are placed on probation, more than 50,000 youths are diverted each year to evidence-based community programs, sentenced to short-term incarceration or committed to the Department's long-term custody by the Juvenile Courts. It is the duty of DJJ's professional corrections staff to preserve public safety and safeguard the citizens of Georgia, as well as protect the victims of crimes so that they can rebuild their lives.

At the same time, DJJ holds juvenile offenders accountable for their delinquent conduct so that they can take responsibility for their actions through probation, supervision and secure detention. The youth are provided with medical and psychological treatment, as well as specialized education and programs designed to equip them with the social, intellectual and emotional tools needed to achieve their successful reentry and reintegration into community, workplace and neighborhood settings as more productive and law-abiding citizens.

