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DJJ COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

(ATLANTA – GA) DJJ Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce the appointment of a new member of the Board of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Judge Lisa Colbert has been appointed to the Board by Governor Nathan Deal.

Board Member Colbert is a juvenile court judge in Chatham County where she previously served as an assistant county attorney for Chatham County and a staff attorney to the Chatham County Superior Court.

Judge Colbert sat on the board for the Savannah - Chatham County Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. and chaired the Savannah - Chatham Public School Systems Internal Audit Committee. She also served in the Georgia Air National Guard.

Colbert holds a law degree from the University of Georgia and earned her bachelor's degree from Savannah State University. She and her husband, Eldries "E.J.", have three children. They reside in Savannah.

As DJJ's newest Board Member, Colbert was appointed by Governor Deal to represent Congressional District 1. DJJ Board Members are appointed by the Governor to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Juvenile Justice, providing leadership and guidance to the Commissioner. The Board is made up of 15 members representing each Congressional District in the state to help improve Georgia's juvenile justice system.

DJJ Commissioner Avery Niles expressed appreciation for the Governor's latest appointment. "We're pleased with the Governor's selection and the experience this new Board Member will bring to our critical tasks," said Commissioner Niles. "Judge Colbert brings new energy to the Board and we welcome her to face the many challenges with us that come with Georgia's juvenile justice reforms. I can think of nothing more important to our communities and the future of our state than our collective efforts to help Georgia's juvenile offenders become productive citizens."

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