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D.C. CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

(Washington D.C.) After 40 years in the corrections and law enforcement fields, D.C. Department of Corrections (DCDOC) Director Tom Faust has announced he will retire from service with the District government in November of this year. Tom Faust began his tenure as DCDOC Director in October of 2011. During his five years as Director, he has worked effectively with a broad spectrum of community stakeholders and local and federal partner organizations to promote resource sharing and enhanced partnerships on all levels. Under his leadership, the Department successfully assumed operations of the police Central Cell Block, opened the new Inmate Reception Center, and implemented innovative programs such as the Work Readiness Unit in partnership with the Department of Employment Services; the D.C. Jail Mobile Library in partnership with DC Public Library; and a specialized Mental Health Step Down Unit.

“I am honored to have been able to lead the dedicated workforce of DCDOC and to have played a role in the rehabilitation of men and women returning to our neighborhoods and communities,” said Director Faust. “The work of DOC is critically important to putting residents on a pathway to the middle class. I thank Mayor Bowser for her leadership and commitment to these efforts.”

Prior to assuming leadership of DCDOC, Director Faust’s career included serving three elected terms as Sheriff in Arlington County, Virginia and serving as Executive Director/CEO of the National Sheriffs’ Association, a non-profit professional organization representing over 20,000 members.

Upon retirement Director Faust plans to relocate to the West coast to focus on family and personal priorities.

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