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To: All Staff

From: Director James Dzurenda

Re: Warden, Southern Desert Correctional Center (SDCC)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JD", is written over the "From" and "Re" lines of the memo header.

Jo Gentry has resigned from the NDOC and her position as Warden of SDCC.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jerry Howell as the new Warden of Southern Desert Correctional Center, effective immediately.

Jerry Howell has over 40 years of experience in Corrections. After completing a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Jerry began his career as a Probation Officer. He then transferred to the State Prison of Southern Michigan (the world's largest walled prison) as a Correctional Specialist. He promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. He then, transferred to the Office of Field Services (Parole and Probation) as an inspector in charge of training and protocol for the Special Alternative Incarceration program. He completed the United States Marine Corp Rehabilitative Officer's course in Quantico, Virginia.

Jerry Howell became a Deputy Division Administrator with oversight for the Michigan Reentry Initiative and assisted in the creation of the first reentry prison. Jerry has extensive experience in designing and implementing staff training for Boot Camp Drill Instructors and Community Reentry staff. He was instrumental in the development and monitoring of residential home placements for intensive supervision of inmates returning to the community. He was a presenter at the Michigan Judicial Conference and provided training for Freshman Legislators. In 2006, he retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections and began a second career with the Nevada Department of Corrections at Southern Nevada Correctional Center as the Associate Warden of Programs for the Youthful Offender program.

Following the closure of Southern Nevada Correctional Center he was transferred to Southern Desert Correctional Center as the Associate Warden of Operations. His accomplishments include initiation of the electronic callout of inmates in NOTIS, which vastly improved inmate movement. He also improved the disciplinary process, reducing the number of inmates placed in Administrative Segregation. In 2010 he moved to High Desert State Prison as an Associate Warden of Operations, also having worked during his time there as an Associate Warden of Programs. His accomplishments at High Desert include leading a team of staff in the creation and implementation of the Behavior Modification Unit.

Please join me in congratulating Jerry Howell, our newest Warden, and assist him in every possible way as he transitions into his new position.