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**Gov. Sisolak accepts NDOC Director Jim Dzurenda’s resignation**

Las Vegas, NV – Governor Steve Sisolak this week accepted the resignation of Jim Dzurenda as director of the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC). The effective date of Mr. Dzurenda’s resignation will be announced in the near future. The governor’s office will be launching an in-state and nationwide search for the next NDOC Director.

“I appreciate all that Jim has done for the State of Nevada, including his robust efforts to begin reforming Nevada’s correctional institutions,” **Gov. Sisolak said.** “I thank him for his years of public service in state government and wish him and his family the best of luck. I am confident that he will be successful in all of his future endeavors.”

Dzurenda was appointed NDOC director by former Governor Brian Sandoval in April 2016. Prior to that, he served in multiple positions within correctional systems across the country, working his way through the ranks from his first position as a jail officer in 1987, to Commissioner for the Connecticut Department of Correction, and ultimately to Nevada.

“It has been an honor to serve the State of Nevada and to work with the dedicated men and women of the Department of Corrections for over three years,” **Dzurenda said.** “Under Governor Sisolak’s leadership, we have made significant reforms to the criminal justice and correctional systems. Although there is more to be done, I have great confidence that Governor Sisolak will establish Nevada as a model for its fair and reformative correctional programs. I wish Gov. Sisolak and his administration nothing but the best.”

Dzurenda indicated he is resigning to pursue new opportunities and to be able to spend more time with his family and children in Southern Nevada.