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PRESS RELEASE

The Alaska Department of Family and Community Services Welcomes Matt Davidson as Director of the Division of Juvenile Justice

JUNEAU, ALASKA – The Alaska Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Matt Davidson as the new Director of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

“It is an honor to have the opportunity to work with the fantastic DJJ team again,” stated Davidson. “Providing services to youth with complex needs, enhancing community partnerships, and supporting our staff are big priorities.”

For the last three years, Mr. Davidson has served as a Special Assistant to the Commissioner and the Legislative Liaison for both DFCS and the former Department of Health and Social Services. Prior to his role in the Commissioner’s Office, Davidson spent nearly ten years in the DJJ Director’s Office as lead of the division’s policy and planning unit. At DJJ, Davidson led initiatives to enhance the safety and effectiveness of DJJ’s probation and facility-based programming.

“I have had the pleasure of working with Matt over the past three years. His strong understanding of DJJ’s programming and solid relationships with partner agencies make him an outstanding choice to serve in this role. In addition to his prior role with DJJ, Matt’s experience in the legislative and budget processes,



facility operations, and trauma-informed programming for youth and families truly set him apart as the ideal candidate,” said DFCS Commissioner Kim Kovol.

“Matt brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. His dedication to creating positive change aligns perfectly with our mission. I am confident that under his leadership, we will continue to make significant strides in our work,” said DFCS Deputy Commissioner Clinton Lasley.

Director Davidson has a bachelor’s degree in public policy from Hamilton College and will be based out of the Juneau DFCS offices.

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The Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is dedicated to holding youth accountable for their actions, protecting communities, repairing harm to victims, and helping youth develop skills to succeed in society. DJJ collaborates with other divisions in our department and partners statewide to deliver effective juvenile justice services. DJJ provides juvenile probation services statewide and operates detention and treatment facilities in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Palmer, and Bethel.