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Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Appoints Barbie Robinson as Department of Health Services Director

SANTA ROSA, Calif. – For Immediate Release – On February 7, 2017, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors appointed Barbie Robinson as the Director of the Department of Health Services. Ms. Robinson served as the Interim Director of the Department since September 2016, and was previously the Assistant Director of the Department. The Department of Health Services has approximately 700 employees and a budget of \$245.5 million.



“Barbie has done an admirable job at the Department of Health Services as the Interim Director,” stated Board of Supervisors Chair Supervisor Shirlee Zane. “The Board and our community partners are confident she can continue to excel in this role. Her experience at the federal and local levels brings us tremendous knowledge to position Sonoma County at the forefront of an ever changing healthcare landscape.”

Ms. Robinson has over 21 years of experience as a health administrator, including a successful career with the Federal Government’s Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, finishing her career there as an Associate Regional Administrator before she joined the County in February 2016. In addition to being a member of the State Bar of California, Ms. Robinson has a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University, a Juris Doctorate from George Washington University School of Law, and B.A.s in Political Science, Spanish, and International Sociology from Middlebury College.

“I am thrilled to continue serving as the Department of Health Services Director,” said Ms. Robinson. “The Department is entering an exciting time as we plan for the months ahead. Locally we have the collective energy to help reduce disparities in Sonoma

County. Despite what may happen at the federal level, working collaboratively with our partners and the public we will continue to have the tools and opportunities to shape and control our own community's future."

The Department of Health Services works to promote the health and well-being of all residents in Sonoma County in partnership with the local health system and community partners. The Department provides a wide range of services designed to protect, promote, and achieve healthy individuals, families, and communities. These services support population level health and safety, emergency medical preparedness, disease control, behavioral health, and clinical services.

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The County of Sonoma is comprised of 27 departments and agencies that provide a full range of services to the community. It encompasses over 1600 square miles and is home to almost 500,000 residents. Sonoma County government has a history of providing excellent and responsive public service while operating under sound fiscal principles.

Located less than one hour north of San Francisco, Sonoma County combines in one location the beautiful Pacific coastline, award-winning wineries, majestic redwoods, historic towns, fine dining, and a wide variety of entertainment and cultural activities.