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### **New Michigan Parole Board Member Named**

LANSING- State Corrections Director Daniel H. Heyns today announced the appointment of Kevin R. Belk of Grand Rapids to the Michigan Department of Corrections Parole Board.

Belk currently serves as Chief of Police for the city of Grand Rapids, but will be retiring from that position on May 30, 2014.

“I am honored that Chief Belk has accepted an appointment to the Michigan Parole Board,” said Daniel H. Heyns, Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections. “Kevin has a tremendous reputation and proven track record of enhancing public safety in West Michigan. The Parole Board will absolutely benefit from his unique perspective, knowledge, experience and passion for the criminal justice field.”

Belk began his tenure as Chief in February 2008, and has been with the Grand Rapids Police Department since 1980. He is a Grand Rapids native and a graduate of Grand Valley State University and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Belk serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Children’s Assessment Center and as a member of the Kent County Central Dispatch Authority. He is also the former President of the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth.

Chief Belk is appointed to fill the remaining term of former Parole Board member Thomas Combs who accepted a new position within the Department of Corrections in April 2014.

Belk’s appointment is effective June 9, 2014, and runs through April 14, 2015.

Created by statute, the Michigan Parole Board is the paroling authority for adult felony offenders committed to the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Corrections. The Board also acts in an advisory capacity to the Governor on all executive clemency matters. Membership consists of ten full-time non-Civil Service employees appointed by the Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Members of the Parole Board serve four-year terms and may be reappointed by the Director of the Department of Corrections.

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