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KASICH NAMES JOHN MATTHEWS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced that John Matthews will serve as the Director of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in the Governor's Office. Matthews has a history of public and social service, working with grassroots and community organizations and government agencies to address social issues.

As a licensed social worker and chemical dependency counselor, Matthews has worked with vulnerable and at-risk populations across the state. Most notably, Matthews has helped his fellow Ohioans through his work with Cherry Street Mission Ministries and the Corner Stone Church in Toledo, Good Samaritan House in Darke, Shelby and Miami Counties, and Goodwill in both Columbus and in Marion.

A 20-year veteran of state government, Matthews worked with the Opening Doors of Ohio prison ministry and the Reentry Initiative for the Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction, which helps address the needs of ex-offenders upon their release from incarceration. He also directed the residential drug treatment program at Marion Correctional Institution, and has worked with the Northwest and Mid-Ohio Reentry Coalitions and the Ohio Adult Parole Authority.

Matthews is a member of the American Corrections Association and the Ohio Correctional and Court Services Association, and has received numerous employee and team leadership awards. Matthews received his Bachelor's Degree from The Ohio State University.

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