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### **SAM HAWS TO LEAD IDAHO COMMISSION ON AGING**

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced today that Sam Haws, commissioner at the Idaho State Tax Commission, will replace Kim Toryanski as administrator of the Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA). Toryanski recently started a new position as deputy administrator of the Idaho Division of Human Resources.

"Sam Haws has been a valuable member of my Cabinet and I am glad she will continue using her talents to serve Idahoans in this expanded role," Governor Otter said. "Sam's diverse experience in both the public and private sectors makes her uniquely qualified to lead the Idaho Commission on Aging as it continues its work in meeting the current needs of Idaho's aging population and as it anticipates future needs of these valued citizens as well."

The Idaho Commission on Aging administers and ensures compliance of federal and State programs related to senior citizens. As ICOA administrator, Haws will oversee all activities of the agency, including the planning, coordination, funding and monitoring of a variety of services in conjunction with the Area Agencies on Aging in Idaho.

"I am very grateful to Governor Otter for this appointment and for his faith in me," Haws said. "I look forward to the opportunities ahead and to fulfilling the important mission of the Idaho Commission on Aging. It is critical to help aging individuals have access to home and community-based services to allow them the greatest opportunity for independent living."

Haws grew up in Idaho and most of her family lives in the Treasure Valley, including her children and grandchildren. She has served as a tax commissioner for the past decade. She previously served as a member of the Idaho State Board of Education and has been active in the private sector as well, working for 20 years in the banking industry. She also currently serves on the Board of Trustees of St. Alphonsus Medical Group. She will begin work at the ICOA on July 11, 2011.

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