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JONES RETIRES; GOVERNOR APPOINTS WOOLF STATE CONTROLLER

(BOISE) – State Controller Donna Jones informed Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter today that she is retiring from public office effective immediately to focus on recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on May 25.

"Upholding my sacred oath to fulfill my duties to the people of Idaho is incredibly important to me," Jones said. "My medical team now anticipates my recovery could take up to two years. Knowing this, I cannot in good conscience deliver anything less than a full measure to those who have trusted me all these years. I have chosen to retire and ensure the people are represented by someone who can give them all of his attention and energy."

At a press conference in his office today, Governor Otter appointed Acting Controller Brandon Woolf to permanently fill the vacancy left by Jones' retirement. Woolf is Idaho's 21st State Controller.

"For nearly 30 years Donna has been a dedicated public servant. It's a selfless act for her to retire from office, ensuring the people of Idaho are represented by a Controller who can devote all his time and energy to the job," Governor Otter said. "Just like Donna, I have complete confidence in Brandon's ability to be an outstanding State Controller."

Woolf, 40, was raised on dairy farm near Preston and is a 15-year veteran of the State Controller's Office. Hired initially as an intern, he has held a variety of leadership posts in the Controller's Office, including bureau chief, division administrator, and most recently chief of staff. Governor Otter appointed him acting Controller on July 3 at Jones' recommendation. With today's appointment, Woolf will serve out the remainder of Jones' term, which ends in January 2015. His appointment is subject to approval by the Idaho Senate.

Woolf has a bachelor's degree in political science from Utah State University, and a master's degree in business administration from Boise State University. He and his wife of nearly 18 years, Janalee, have three children.

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