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**Governor Phil Scott Appoints Lisa Menard Commissioner, Department of Corrections**

**Waterbury** – Governor Phil Scott filled another extended cabinet position in his administration on Thursday, with the appointment of Lisa Menard as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections (DOC). Menard had been serving as Acting Commissioner of the department since Governor Scott took office in January. As Commissioner, Menard leads a team of 1,047 corrections professionals that operate the state’s correctional system.

“Lisa has demonstrated incredible leadership and professionalism heading the Department of Corrections, and I am pleased to have her join our team as Commissioner, where I’m confident she will continue to serve the Department and the State well,” said Gov. Scott.

Commissioner Menard has spent three decades working for the Vermont Department of Corrections. Menard began her career with the department as a Correctional Officer and has held several management and leadership positions within the department. Menard was appointed Commissioner of DOC in September 2015, replacing Andy Pallito who had been selected by to lead the Department of Finance & Management. Previously, Menard served as Deputy Commissioner, a role she held since December 2008. As Deputy Commissioner, Menard provided operational oversight of the department’s field sites and functional units, including seven adult incarceration facilities and twelve probation and parole offices.

“Vermont has an outstanding correctional system, and Lisa has been instrumental in maintaining the very high standards for which the department is nationally recognized,” said Al Gobeille, Secretary of Human Services. “Lisa’s impressive knowledge of our correctional system, strategic approach to the challenges facing that system, and positive working relationships with DOC staff, leaders from other departments, community partners, and the Legislature make her the right person for this important role. I congratulate Lisa on her appointment and look forward to continuing our work together.”

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