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GOVERNOR AND CABINET SELECT JENKINS FOR PAROLE COMMISSION SLOT

TALLAHASSEE -- October 26 -- Tena M. Pate, Chairman of the Florida Parole Commission, announced today the appointment of Cassandra D. Jenkins of Tallahassee to a six-year term on the Commission beginning January 2011. Jenkins was selected from a list of three finalists by the Governor and Cabinet at today's Cabinet meeting. Commission Chairman Pate stated, "I congratulate Ms. Jenkins on her appointment and look forward to working with her on the Commission. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the agency, and we welcome her wholeheartedly."

Jenkins, a resident of Tallahassee, currently serves as the Contract Manager Supervisor for the Florida Department of Children and Families' Substance Abuse Program Office. A career criminal justice professional, Jenkins has over 27 years of experience working with law enforcement agencies, social service agencies, and civic organizations. She has held various management and supervisory positions with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Jenkins graduated with honors from Florida State University with graduate and undergraduate degrees in Criminology and Sociology. Jenkins has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and National President of the Florida State University Black Alumni Association and is a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She served as President of the Tallahassee Chapter of Zonta International and currently serves on many civic and sports-related organizations and committees.