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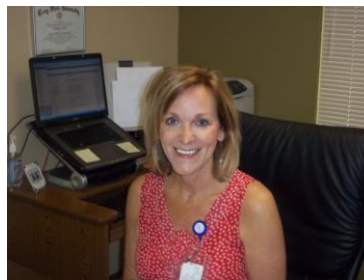
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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WALTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
ANNOUNCES NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WALTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Holly B. Holt Selected as New Administrator -



TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) announces the appointment of Holly B. Holt, R.N., BSN, MSM as the new Administrator of the Walton County Health Department effective Friday, January 6, 2012. Her appointment was confirmed by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

“I am pleased to have Mrs. Holt lead the Walton County Health Department,” said Michael Sentman, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health. “Mrs. Holt brings a combination of years of leadership and health experience as well as a passion to address the public health needs of the community stakeholders she serves.”

Mrs. Holt has had a thirteen year career in Public Health in Florida. She has been the Holmes County Health Department Administrator since 2002. Prior to that, Mrs. Holt served as the Holmes County Nursing Director for three years and acting Administrator of the Holmes County Health Department two of those three years. Other work experience includes Family Home Health Administrator for four years; LPN and Nursing Assistant Instructor; Utilization Review and Social Services Manager; and Case Manager and Case Reviewer.

“I am delighted to accept this opportunity to serve the people of Walton County,” said Mrs. Holt. “I look forward to working with the Walton County Health Department staff, Walton Board of County Commissioners and our many community partners in fulfilling the WCHD mission to promote, protect and improve the health of all people in Walton County.”

Mrs. Holt received her Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing from Auburn University in 1984 and earned a Master of Science in Management focusing in Healthcare Administration from Troy State University in 2002. She has extensive experience in health care administration and leadership. Mrs. Holt is a member of the Florida Public Health Association and the Community

Alliance Coalition. She also serves as chair for both the Healthy Holmes Task Force and Emerald Coast Consortium of Health Officers (ECCHO).

The mission of the DOH is to protect and promote the health of all residents and visitors in the state through organized state and community efforts, including cooperative agreements with counties. For more information about DOH programs, visit www.doh.state.fl.us. To learn more about the Walton County Health Department, visit <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdwalton/>.

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