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Wanda Markland Named Warden of South Dakota Women's Prison

PIERRE, S.D.- The South Dakota Department of Corrections has announced that Wanda Markland has been named the Warden of the South Dakota Women's Prison.

"Wanda brings years of correctional experience to our department in administrative, management and security positions" said Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk. "We're excited to add her to our team in Pierre."

Markland comes to South Dakota from the Tennessee Department of Corrections, where she serves as Associate Warden of Treatment at the West Tennessee State Penitentiary near Henning, TN. She has held counselor, unit supervisor, classification director, case manager and correctional officer positions in Tennessee and Michigan in her corrections career.

"The position of Warden at the South Dakota Women's Prison offers an opportunity to utilize my experience as well as explore new areas of interest in the field of corrections," said Markland.

Markland earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University.

Markland will begin her new position in August. She replaces Brent Fluke, who was named the warden of the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield following the retirement of Bob Dooley.

The state closed Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) with 4,001 total prison inmates, a new record high population. That includes 564 female inmates. Eighty-six percent of the female prison population on June 30, 2018 were inmates sentenced for non-violent crimes. Nearly two-thirds of the female inmates (64 percent) were serving time for drug offenses at the end of state Fiscal Year 2018.

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.