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New Secretary of Corrections begins work

(Pierre)- South Dakota's new Secretary of Corrections began work May 2nd, taking over the state's adult prison system, parole and juvenile corrections system.

Denny Kaemingk replaces Tim Reisch, who was recently named as State Adjutant General and Secretary of the Military.

Kaemingk's first day of work coincides with Correctional Employees Week as proclaimed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard in honor of the more than 800 staff members in the Department of Corrections that provide the supervision of more than 3,400 adult inmates, 2,900 parolees and nearly 800 juvenile offenders in placement and on aftercare.

"I am honored and humbled to lead these dedicated employees of the State of South Dakota," said Kaemingk. "As we have experienced on April 12<sup>th</sup>, they put themselves at risk to protect the citizens of South Dakota. For this we are truly grateful."

Kaemingk served for the past nine years on the Board of Pardons and Paroles and had just started his fourth year as chairman.

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