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Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office Begins Search for New Director

December 8, 2016 ANCHORAGE – Cynthia Franklin, director of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO), announced this week that she is moving to a position with the Alaska Department of Law. Chris Hladick, commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, anticipates appointing a new AMCO director by early January.

“Director Franklin has been an invaluable asset to the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office,” said Commissioner Chris Hladick. “Her leadership over the past two years leaves the staff and boards well positioned to continue the high-quality work Alaskans have come to expect. Best of luck, Cindy— my sincere thanks for your ongoing service to the people of Alaska.”

Ms. Franklin was appointed as the director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in September 2014. Two months later, recreational marijuana was legalized and the responsibility of creating regulations for the new industry also came under her direction via the Marijuana Control Board. From the challenging task of creating a regulatory structure for the brand new industry to issuing the first licenses and inspecting the first retail shops, the AMCO team under Ms. Franklin’s leadership has accomplished numerous successes, always taking into account the health and safety of Alaskans while doing its part to facilitate the success of the new industry.

The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office, along with the Division of Banking and Securities, the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division of Insurance, and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, is an agency housed within the Alaska State Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development tasked with protecting consumers in Alaska. For additional information about the agency, please visit commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco. For additional information about the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and its other agencies, please visit commerce.alaska.gov.

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