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**KASICH ANNOUNCES CHARLES TO RETIRE TODAY FROM PUBLIC SERVICE AFTER
DISTINGUISHED, NEARLY FIVE-DECADE-LONG CAREER**

Born to Lead Department of Public Safety, Pride to Lead Highway Patrol

Columbus -- Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced that the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety Tom Charles is retiring from public service after a nearly five-decade-long career in which he led the Ohio Highway Patrol, served as Inspector General and led the Department of Public Safety.

"No single Ohioan has done so much to keep Ohioans safe and enforce the law as Tom Charles. It's been a pleasure to serve Ohio with him and an honor to have him on my cabinet. He provided a steady hand for the Patrol when it was needed and once again showed us all what principled leadership means. I will miss him but know he'll always be ready and willing to serve when Ohio needs him or I need him," said Kasich.

Currently, Charles is in discussions with JobsOhio CIO John Minor about serving in an advisory role for the economic development entity.

Replacing Charles as director of the Department will be Ohio Highway Patrol Superintendent Col. John Born. After he was sworn in earlier today, Born named Col. Paul Pride Superintendent of the Patrol.

For 25 years, Col. Born has served the Ohio Highway Patrol, rising through the Patrol ranks from his start as a Trooper in 1987 to his being named Superintendent by Kasich in 2010. During this time, Col. Born served in an array of leadership roles, including Agency Spokesman, Squad Leader in the Office of Investigative Services, Strategic Services Commander, Field Operations Commander for the eastern half of Ohio, and most recently, Superintendent of the Patrol.

Said Kasich, "John Born has done a great job at the Patrol, he's highly respected throughout the law enforcement community, and he's an outstanding person to carry on the dedicated work of Tom Charles. While Colonel Born has some big shoes to fill, he is more than capable of doing it."

Colonel Paul Pride, a 24-year Patrol veteran and seven-year Marine veteran, joined the Patrol in 1989. After serving as district commander in both Cambridge and Jackson, Col. Pride was promoted to the rank of major in January 2011 and transferred to serve as commander of the Office of Special Operations in Columbus. In 2012 he was promoted to the second highest rank of Lt. Colonel and served as an assistant superintendent.

"Colonel Paul Pride's appointment as the 18th Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol will provide continuity of leadership as they move forward in their mission to protect Ohioans. I am confident that he will carry on the professionalism and high standards that we have come to expect from the Patrol," said Kasich.

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