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Governor Kaine Announces Members of the Commission on Sexual Violence

– Commission to focus on the treatment of crime victims and efforts to prevent and respond to sexual violence –

RICHMOND — Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced the **appointment of members to the Governor's Commission on Sexual Violence**, created by Executive Order 38. The Commission is tasked with making recommendations to improve the treatment of victims of sexual violence and to prevent and respond to related crimes.

"The physical and emotional trauma suffered by victims of sexual violence, often compounded by silence and stigma surrounding the crime, calls for special attention in our response and prevention efforts," said Governor Kaine. "The Commonwealth has made considerable progress in the management of sexually violent predators. We now need to focus the same level of energy and attention on the treatment of victims and the prevention of future acts."

The Governor's Commission on Sexual Violence will be co-chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources Marilyn B. Tavenner and the Secretary of Public Safety John W. Marshall. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2006.

Commission on Sexual Violence

- **Grace Albano-Orsini** of Norfolk, Director of Community Education at the Samaritan House;
- **Cassandra Burns** of Petersburg, Commonwealth's Attorney;
- **Anthony Conyers Jr.** of Williamsburg, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services;
- **Leonard G. Cooke** of Henrico County, Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services;
- **Susan Curtis** of Loudoun County, Executive Director of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter;

- **D. Gay Cutchin** of Petersburg, Coordinator of Sexual & Domestic Violence Services at Virginia Commonwealth University;
- **Carroll Ann Ellis** of Fairfax County, Director of the Victim Services Division at the Fairfax County Police Department;
- **Colonel W. Steven Flaherty** of Chesterfield County, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police;
- **The Honorable H. Morgan Griffith** of Salem, member of the Virginia House of Delegates;
- **Robert Q. Harris** of Hanover County; Director of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Services Council;
- **Linda Heatwole** of Harrisonburg, staff RN at Rockingham Memorial Hospital;
- **The Honorable R. Edward "Edd" Houck** of Spotsylvania County; member of the Senate of Virginia;
- **The Honorable Janet D. Howell** of Fairfax County, member of the Senate of Virginia;
- **Rita L. Katzman** of Richmond, Health Professional at Child Protective Services;
- **Charles Linberg** of Buena Vista, citizen;
- **Chief Michael L. Marshall** of Albemarle County, Chief of Police at the Virginia Military Institute Police Department;
- **The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan** of Richmond, member of the Virginia House of Delegates;
- **The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell** of Richmond, Attorney General of Virginia;
- **Cherri Murphy** of Albemarle County, Director of the Charlottesville Victim/Witness Office;
- **The Honorable Fred Newman** of Washington County, Sheriff of the Washington County Sheriff's Office;
- **Eric L. Olson** of Hanover County; Executive Director of the Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board;
- **Dr. Stacey B. Plichta** of Virginia Beach; Graduate Program Director for the School of Community and Environmental Health at Old Dominion University;
- **Bonnie Price** of Henrico County, Clinical Coordinator of the Forensic Nurse Program at St. Mary's Hospital;
- **The Honorable Linda T. "Toddy" Puller** of Fairfax County, member of the Senate of Virginia;
- **Cristina Rebeil** of Richmond, attorney at the Virginia Poverty Law Center;

- **Dr. James S. Reinhard** of New Kent County, Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, & Substance Abuse Services;
- **The Honorable Angela E. Roberts** of Richmond, judge at the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court;
- **Dana G. Schrad** of Hanover County, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police;
- **The Honorable Stephen C. Shannon** of Fairfax County, member of the Virginia House of Delegates;
- **The Honorable Beverly J. Sherwood** of Frederick County, member of the Virginia House of Delegates;
- **Reverend C. Douglas Smith** of Hanover County, Executive Director of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy;
- **The Honorable Kenneth W. "Ken" Stolle** of Virginia Beach, member of the Senate of Virginia;
- **Robert B. Stroube** of New Kent County, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health;
- **DaShawna R. Townsend** of Hampton, Interim Executive Director at the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors;
- **Susheela Varky, Esq.** of Henrico County, Senior Planning Analyst in the Department of Judicial Planning at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia;
- **Mary Vail Ware** of Chesterfield County, Director of the Criminal Inquiries Compensation Fund;
- **The Honorable Vivian E. Watts** of Fairfax County, member of the Virginia House of Delegates.