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Cumberland County Commissioners Rename the Human Services Building in Honor of the late Dennis Marion

Cumberland County, PA- The Cumberland County Commissioners announced today their plan to rename the County's Human Services Building as a lasting tribute to the late Dennis Marion, the County's former Chief Operations Officer. In honor of Marion, the building located at 16 W. High Street in Carlisle will now be known as the Dennis Marion Public Services Building. Marion served the County's leadership and its citizens for 31 years in various roles, including Director of the Drug & Alcohol Commission, Director of the Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Director of the Board of Elections, County Administrator, and Chief Operations Officer. Marion was a strong advocate of human services and supporting our most vulnerable citizens.

Marion's exemplary leadership efforts were invaluable to improving the quality of service to residents. He was a selfless man of great integrity committed to a life of public service and helping those in need. His superior work ethic and dedication in guiding the organization earned him well-deserved respect among his peers, employees, colleagues at State agencies, and citizens. His commitment, energy and talents to the array of challenges facing County government were extraordinary. Marion became the County's Chief Operations Officer during a pivotal time when our nation was experiencing an economic downturn and the County faced difficult budget challenges.

Marion championed the County's planned response for services in the aftermath of the Harrisburg State Hospital Closure. He also spearheaded the Integrated Children's Services Plan and the Residential Task Force / Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Networked Neighborhood. Marion was instrumental in the collaboration and development of the County's Criminal Justice Policy Team (CJPT), one of the first in the State, establishing a forum for information exchange among stakeholders for problem-solving and strategic planning to improve the criminal justice processes in our County and achieve efficient outcomes.

In 2013, Marion went on to admirably serve the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the Deputy Secretary for the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. His steady guidance and contributions as a public servant to Cumberland County as well as the Commonwealth have left an indelible mark.

The Commissioners decision to rename the County's Human Services building acknowledges Marion's lifelong commitment to public service and his legacy to the people of Cumberland County. A date for the dedication ceremony will be announced in the near future.

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