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TAHC Welcomes New Director of Staff Services

AUSTIN - The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is pleased to announce Catherine "Cathy" Griffith as the new Director of Staff Services. Cathy joined the TAHC on December 7.

"We are excited to welcome Cathy to the TAHC team. With her experience and background Cathy will be an asset to the agency," Dr. Matt Cochran, TAHC Assistant Executive Director, said.

Born and raised in Kingsville, Cathy is a native Texan. In 1969, Cathy began a federal career as a civilian with the U.S. Navy. After working 26 years for the Navy, Cathy moved to Salem, OR., where she was employed with the Oregon Department of Transportation as a manager. She later moved back into federal service, first as the Administrative Officer for the Pacific Northwest Research Station, Forestry Sciences Laboratory in Corvallis, OR., and then as the Assistant District Manager-for the Bureau of Land Management in the Salem District Office.

After eight years in Oregon, Cathy returned to her home-state, Texas, to be closer to her family. She spent two years with the U.S. Department of Labor in Dallas as a supervisory program analyst. She then worked the next three years with the U. S. Treasury in the Financial Management Service in Austin. While at the U. S. Treasury, Cathy volunteered to serve six months in Iraq as a Chief Staff Officer with the U.S. State Department. During her tenure there, she helped establish an FBI-type Iraqi organization known as the "Commission on Public Integrity and Anti-corruption."

With over 38 years of service, Cathy retired from federal employment on January 1, 2008. She then joined the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in January 2008 and was employed as the TCEQ's Director of Support Services for two years.

Cathy is the proud mother of three children - Shawn, Brian and Ashley. She also has five grandchildren.

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

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