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**WOMAN TO HEAD RED WING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY,  
FIRST IN 122 YEARS OF OPERATION**

**ST. PAUL** – For the first time in its 122 years history, a woman will lead the home of the state’s most serious juvenile offenders. Corrections Commissioner Tom Roy has announced the selection of Kathy Halvorson as the new warden of the Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Red Wing.

“There is truly a sense of hope when working with our youth,” Halvorson said. “The Red Wing program is focused on offering juveniles opportunities to create change in their lives and impact their futures in a positive manner. It will be rewarding to be a part of that process and help the residents transition successfully back into Minnesota’s communities.”

After graduating from Saint Mary’s University with a degree in criminal justice and public administration, Halvorson began her career with the Department of Corrections as a corrections officer at the MCF-Shakopee. She has worked her way up through the ranks, most recently serving as associate warden of operations at the Faribault prison.

“Kathy has demonstrated the strong leadership and experience I expect of wardens,” said Roy. “I am confident that her knowledge and commitment to the department will help her successfully lead Red Wing into the future.”

Halvorson said she’s eager to begin work. “I am excited to work with the very dedicated staff at Red Wing. Their hard work and professionalism are evident in the operations of both the juvenile and adult programming.”

Halvorson’s appointment is effective October 4. She succeeds Otis Zanders who retired after 34 years of state service.

Constructed in 1889, the MCF-Red Wing provides treatment, education, and transition services for the state’s most serious and chronic male juvenile offenders. In addition, the facility provides a separate community re-entry program for 42 minimum-security adult male offenders.