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## NEW SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED TO HEAD TOGO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Department of Corrections (DOC) Commissioner Tom Roy has announced the selection of **Gino Anselmo** as CEO/Superintendent of the Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Togo, formerly known as Thistledeew.

Anselmo, a native of Effie, has been with the DOC for almost 17 years. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Bemidji State University.

“Gino has demonstrated the high standards of leadership and experience that I expect of superintendents and wardens of our facilities,” said Commissioner Roy. “I’m confident he’ll continue to lead Togo into a successful future.”

Anselmo’s appointment is effective July 27. He succeeds Dave Hegg who retired on February 4, after 35 years of state service.

The MCF-Togo serves all Minnesota juvenile county courts and provides court and social service agencies with an alternative residential program. A three-week program is operated separately for boys and girls between 13 and 18 years of age, as well as a three-month program for boys. A chemical dependency treatment program for boys is also offered.

Currently, 29 adult females are also incarcerated at the facility. Togo serves women in Phase 1 of the Challenge Incarceration Program, a boot camp mandated by the 1992 legislature.



**Anselmo’s prior positions (at Togo unless indicated)**

- **Corrections Officer** 8/1994-12/1995
- **Corrections Officer II** 12/1995-2/1997
- **Recreation Program Assistant** 2/1997-1998
- **Recreation Therapist** 1/1998-9/1999
- **Security Caseworker** 9/1999-11/2005
- **Corrections Juvenile Program Director** 11/2005-2/2010
- **Corrections Facility Administration Director** (MCF- Moose Lake/Willow River) 2/2010-2/2011
- **Acting CEO/Superintendent** 2/2011-present