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Correction: This news release has been updated to accurately reflect the representation of District 2. District 2 includes the cities of Centennial, Greenwood Village, a small portion of the City of Aurora and unincorporated central Arapahoe County. We apologize for the error.

Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe appointed to Colorado Elder Abuse Taskforce, Executive Leadership Council on Child Welfare *Statewide committees addressing issues related to elder abuse and child welfare*

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe was appointed by Colorado Counties Inc. to serve on the statewide Elder Abuse Taskforce and appointed by Governor John Hickenlooper to serve on the Colorado Executive Leadership Council on Child Welfare.

The Elder Abuse Taskforce was established in 2012 by Senate Bill 12-078 to address issues related to protections for elderly, at-risk elder adults who may be subject to mistreatment and exploitation.

Recommendations from the Taskforce could lead to the implementation of a mandatory system to report the mistreatment and exploitation of at-risk elder adults by Sept. 1, 2013, subject to funding availability. Recommendations will center on the reporting of mistreatment and exploitation of at-risk elder adults; identifying the minimum age for a person to be considered an at-risk elder adult, and addressing the workload impacts, necessary data systems, costs and potential revenues to fund these protective services.

Sharpe also was appointed to the Colorado Executive Leadership Council on Child Welfare, which is addressing matters related to protecting vulnerable children and advancing the State's child protective services system.

The Council will advise the Department of Human Services regarding policy, budget and program issues that impact the safety, permanence and well-being of Colorado's children and families. The Council is focusing on child welfare, including Statewide Child Protective Services, out-of-home care and adoption with a focus on prevention and early intervention to prevent entry and reentry of children and families into the child protective services system.

"It was an honor to be selected to serve on both these committees," said Sharpe, who represents District 2, which includes the cities of Centennial and Greenwood Village, a small portion of the City of Aurora and unincorporated central Arapahoe County. "The prevention and early intervention of elder and child abuse, along with addressing whether county and state programs are appropriately staffed and funded to help protect these vulnerable populations is vital to preventing abuse and neglect."

Sharpe is serving her first term as Arapahoe County Commissioner and currently serves as the Chair for the Board. In her capacity as Commissioner, she represents Arapahoe County on a variety of local and regional boards and

committees including: the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group, Arapahoe County Housing Authority, Metro Area County Commissioners, Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority, Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority, the National Association of Counties Transportation Committee, Denver South Economic Development Partnership Executive Committee, South Metro Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Group and the Transportation Management Association.

Prior to joining the Board of County Commissioners in 2011, Sharpe was mayor of Greenwood Village for eight years.

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Photo of Commissioner Nancy Sharpe is available by visiting the following link:

<ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Commissioners/>