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Governor Polis Appoints Senior Deputy District Attorney Anne Kelly as the District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District

Since the resignation of District Attorney Alonzo Payne in the 12th Judicial District, the Colorado District Attorneys' Council (CDAC) and the twenty-one (21) elected district attorneys of Colorado have worked closely with Attorney General Phil Weiser to assist that office and the community. CDAC and the district attorneys are fully committed to upholding victim rights, ensuring public safety, and serving all the communities of Colorado.

Over the past several weeks, this office and many others partnered with the Attorney General to provide prosecutors and support for the safety of that community, the integrity of the justice system, and criminal cases pending in the jurisdiction.

As part of this effort, Senior Deputy District Attorney Anne Kelly, of our office, spent time working in the San Luis Valley. While there, Anne Kelly immediately recognized the need for a strong chief law enforcement officer to restore trust in the justice system, ensure consequences for criminal conduct, and fight for victims. Anne decided to apply for the vacancy and had the strong support of this office. Earlier today, Governor Polis announced that Anne Kelly is being appointed District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "I am absolutely thrilled for Anne Kelly. It is a loss for our office because Anne is terrific, but she will be an outstanding District Attorney for the victims, community members, and law enforcement officers of the 12th Judicial District. I am grateful for all she has done for our office and Boulder County. Anne is a tireless advocate for justice, and she will be a great leader for the District Attorney's Office in the 12th JD. I am excited to work with her as a fellow District Attorney."