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Anne Kelly Elected as the District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District

Anne Kelly, formerly of our office, has been elected the District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District. Following the resignation of the district attorney for the 12th Judicial District, this office and others partnered with Attorney General Phil Weiser to provide prosecutors and support for the safety of that community and the criminal cases pending in the jurisdiction.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Anne Kelly, of our office, helped with the work of that district attorney's office. Based on her experience there, Ms. Kelly applied for the vacancy with the strong support of DA Dougherty and this office. On August 29th, Governor Polis appointed Anne Kelly as District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District.

Anne Kelly led the effort to establish our office's innovative Domestic Violence Acute Response Team. This team of two prosecutors and an investigator with specialized skills and experience utilizes best practices on the dynamics of domestic violence to better address victim safety and offender accountability. The successful work of that Team has continued. After the appointment of Ms. Kelly in August, our office moved another prosecutor with domestic violence experience into that important role.

After taking over the office in August, Ms. Kelly had to stand for election and faced an opponent on Election Day. Her opponent was a former district attorney for that office. Ms. Kelly won handily, with over 60 percent of the community's support.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "Anne is an outstanding public servant and prosecutor. I am thrilled for Anne and the communities within the 12th Judicial District. Anne will be a great leader for the San Luis Valley. I look forward to working with Anne in this new role. We appreciate her great service to the victims and people of Boulder County."