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## N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Adds Incoming Chairman and Commissioner

RALEIGH, NC -- Jonathan S. "Jon" Williams was sworn in today as Chairman and A.D. "Zander" Guy as Commissioner of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Williams and Guy join J.D. Lyon Jr., in constituting the three-person commission charged with regulating alcohol sales throughout the state of North Carolina.

Williams is former Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. He served in a number of leadership roles at that agency over the past 10 years before being named chairman of the ABC Commission. Guy is mayor of Surf City, a position he has held since 1999.

"The Governor is confident that she has chosen the best people to continue fulfilling the ABC Commission's important mission," said Zach Ambrose, chief of staff to Gov. Bev Perdue. "As with all public officials, Gov. Perdue expects them to be hands-on leaders and to perform their duties with the highest standards of efficiency, transparency and accountability to the public."

In addition to Ambrose, participants at the swearing-in ceremony held at the ABC Commission offices in Raleigh, included Marvin Waters, general counsel for the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, who offered the invocation and benediction; Commissioner Guy was sworn in by Senior Administrative Law Judge Fred Morrison; Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole administered the oath of office to Williams, and ABC Commission Administrator Mike Herring welcomed the ceremony attendees.

"Serving as chief regulator of alcohol for the people of the state of North Carolina is a job that this Commission takes seriously. As Chairman, I take it seriously," Williams said. "In the days and months ahead, I plan to listen and to seek the points of view from across the state from those who are interested in ways this Commission and our state's regulatory system might change and improve. When Governor Perdue asked me to accept this position she gave me the charge of recognizing that commercial interests, social interests and local interests are all affected by the huge regulatory responsibility of this important state commission. I am honored to accept that charge."

### ABOUT THE ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 18 states and select local jurisdictions in others to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937 the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. In fiscal year 2008, the Commission returned approximately \$250 million in taxes and revenue to benefit the General Fund and the budgets of local cities and counties that sell alcoholic beverages.

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