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## **Karen Jarmoc Appointed Chair of Commission on Women, Children and Seniors**

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HARTFORD -- Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney and Speaker of the House Brendan Sharkey have appointed Karen Jarmoc as chair of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors.

Pursuant to provisions adopted at the May, 2016 Special Session, Jarmoc's tenure will become effective immediately and run through June of 2018.

Jarmoc, chief executive officer of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV), is an accomplished leader with 20 years of strategic fund development, policy and communications expertise, and experience working collaboratively across diverse constituencies on behalf of marginalized populations.

"Karen Jarmoc's work protecting women and families from domestic violence makes her the right choice to chair the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors," said Sen. Looney. "I want to thank Karen for her willingness to serve as chair of the commission."

"Karen's appointment as chair of the new Commission on Women, Children and Seniors is well deserved," said Rep. Sharkey. "Her work as a former legislator was focused on many of the issues within the scope of the commission, particularly in the area of reducing domestic violence, and this expertise will serve her well in in her new role."

From 2007 to 2011, Jarmoc served as Connecticut House of Representatives, representing the state's 59<sup>th</sup> House District, where she spearheaded policies to improve conditions for Connecticut children as co-chair of the Children in the Recession Legislative Task Force, which assessed the impact of the recession on kids. The passage of legislation to protect children's interests in such areas as housing, food, and child care was highlighted by the National Conference of State Legislatures as the first of its kind in the nation.

“I am honored to be named chair of this commission, whose three target populations together make up two-thirds of the state’s population,” Jarmoc said. “And while that is a clear majority, individually they are still under-represented and under-served. I’m grateful to Legislative Leadership for this opportunity to help bring the voices of women, children, and older adults to the Capitol.”

The Commission on Women, Children and Seniors was formed under P.A. 16-3, which last legislative session consolidated six legislative commissions into two. The CWCS operates with an expanded mandate that includes key elements of those of the former Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), the Commission on Children (COC) and the Commission on Aging (COA).

“I look forward to working with Karen on innovative and effective ways to fulfill our mandate,” said CWCS Executive Director Steven Hernández. “She is a leading voice for women’s advocacy, and cares deeply about the challenges of children and older adults, too. We are already at work on our legislative agenda, and with her guidance, the CWCS is continuing to move ahead quickly.”