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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

BOISE ID (July 19, 2011) – The Idaho Department of Insurance announced today that Tom Donovan has been appointed Deputy Director. Donovan will assume his new responsibilities August 15.

Department Director Bill Deal says, "Tom is well-qualified and brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. He has been a valuable part of the Department for nearly 14 years, and we are pleased that he has accepted this new assignment."

Donovan has acted as lead attorney for the Department by assignment from the Attorney General's office since 1999. He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1987 with a B.A. in history and a Juris Doctor in 1991. He served as a law clerk to Judge Roger Swanstrom at the Idaho Court of Appeals for two years and then worked in private practice in Boise for four years focusing primarily on civil litigation.

Donovan fills the position vacated by Shad Priest who has been hired to handle legislative and regulatory affairs for Regence Blue Shield of Idaho.

About the Department of Insurance
The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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