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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GDNA DIRECTOR TO NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ATLANTA (APRIL 21, 2015) – The Georgia Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) is honored to announce the recent appointment of Mr. C. Richard (Rick) Allen, RPh, Director of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency (GDNA), to a new national public health and safety initiative. Director Allen was appointed to the National Methamphetamine Pharmaceutical Initiative Advisory Committee of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Administered by the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Assistance Center and overseen by the HIDTA Directors Committee (HDC), the National Methamphetamine & Pharmaceuticals Initiative (NMPI) was created to decrease the availability of methamphetamine and its precursor chemicals nationally. In providing training to prosecutors, investigators, intelligence analysts and chemists, sharing information and assisting with coordination of efforts, the NMPI provides critical services in the drive to reduce drug trafficking. Its goals include without limitation the “enhanced identification of criminal targets; the increase of number of investigations and prosecutions for chemical/pharmaceutical drug-related crimes; and curtail the foreign chemical and precursor sources that are used by domestic illicit drug producers.” The National Advisory Committee for NMPI includes four Federal and six state and local representatives. Director Allen is one of those six representatives. The Board congratulates Director Allen on this appointment and recognition of his considerable expertise.

For more information on the National Methamphetamine & Pharmaceuticals Initiative, visit the website of the Office of National Drug Control Policy: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp>. For more information regarding the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, visit <http://gbp.georgia.gov/> or contact us at 404-651-8000.