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### **CAROLYN Y. WILLIAMS APPOINTED TO SERVE AS OHIO'S 28<sup>th</sup> REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

*- BMV veteran is first female to serve as Registrar of Motor Vehicles -*

**COLUMBUS** – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Cathy Collins-Taylor today announced the appointment of Carolyn Y. Williams to serve as Ohio's 28<sup>th</sup> Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Williams has served as Acting Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) since Aug. 1, 2009.

A 37-year employee of the State of Ohio, Williams has twice served as Acting Registrar of the Ohio BMV, also serving in the role from Feb. 12 - April 15, 2007. During her tenure with the Ohio BMV, Williams also has served as Assistant Chief of the Driver License Division, Chief of the Driver License Division, Chief of License Support Services, and Deputy Administrator for Owner/Operator Services. Her previous state service was with the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Youth Services.

"During her recent tenure as Acting Registrar, Carolyn has initiated efforts to streamline operations within the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to maximize efficiency and improve the level of service to our customers. She is a veteran of the agency and brings a wealth of experience with her to this appointment," Director Collins-Taylor said. "Registrar Williams will provide strong leadership for the Ohio BMV, ensuring that customer service remains a top priority for the Bureau and the Deputy Registrar agencies providing license services across the state."

A Columbus resident, Williams is the first female to serve as Ohio's Registrar of Motor Vehicles in the 102-year history of the position, and only the third person ever to serve as Acting Registrar and later be appointed to the position.

The Ohio BMV is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, which includes the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Emergency Medical Services, Ohio Homeland Security Division, Ohio Investigative Unit, Office of Criminal Justice Services, Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Ohio Traffic Safety Office.

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