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### **AAMVA Welcomes Virginia Official as Chair of the AAMVA International Board of Directors**



**Arlington, VA** – During the 2015 AAMVA Annual International Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) elected Richard D. Holcomb, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, as Chair of its International Board of Directors.

“AAMVA is very fortunate to have such an innovative and forward-thinking leader coming on board as our new Chair,” said Anne S. Ferro, AAMVA President and CEO. “Over his distinguished career at the Virginia DMV, Rick Holcomb has done amazing things to modernize his own agency and has been a great collaborator with others both within and without the Commonwealth. We are very excited for AAMVA to benefit from his leadership.”

As Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Richard D. Holcomb manages a state agency with a budget of approximately \$234 million and a statewide workforce of more than 2,000 employees. This is Holcomb's second stint as the leader of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, having been entrusted with the post by four Virginia governors.

Under his leadership, Virginia became the first state in the U.S. to offer secure online driver's license renewals. During his most recent term as Commissioner, Holcomb launched the robust DMV 2 Go mobile operations program. These five customer service centers on wheels provide all DMV transactions at convenient locations such as military bases, corporate and government complexes, and senior communities. DMV's mobile operations expanded in 2012 with the introduction of the DMV Connect program, which provides ID card services to incarcerated individuals prior to their release.

A champion for customer service, Holcomb's “one-stop shopping” philosophy led to the expansion of government services through partnerships with other state agencies. DMV customers can now apply for and receive Virginia birth certificates, obtain E-ZPass transponders,

purchase hunting and fishing licenses, and title and register boats at all DMV customer service centers.

Holcomb also believes our dedicated military members who have given so much for our nation deserve every effort we can make to provide opportunities for their futures. Conceived by Holcomb, DMV established Troops to Trucks<sup>SM</sup>, which provides testing, training and potential career opportunities for military members after service.

Holcomb previously served as Chair of the AAMVANet, Inc. Board from 1999-2001 and on the AAMVA Region II Board from 1998 to 2000. He was also a recipient of the 2012 AAMVA international Customer Service Excellence Award.

Holcomb holds an undergraduate degree in political science from Hampden-Sydney College and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Richmond School of Law. He is also a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University's Virginia Executive Institute.

Founded in 1933, AAMVA serves North American motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies to accomplish their missions. The association's vision - *Safe Drivers, Safe Vehicles, Secure Identities, Saving Lives* - guides AAMVA's activities, resources, and programs in driver licensing, vehicle titling/registration, motor carrier services, identity management, and technology solutions.

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