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GOVERNOR OTTER SELECTS PERSI TRUSTEE, JEFF CILEK TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD Boise, Idaho – September 25, 2017

Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter has appointed Jeff Cilek as Chairman of the PERSI Retirement Board. Chairman Cilek replaces Jody B. Olson, who retired from the Board as Chairman after serving 30 years as a PERSI Trustee.

“It is an honor not only to be appointed by Governor Otter, but to also serve Idaho’s public workers and retirees. As a Board, we have been fortunate to have had such an exceptional example of leadership by former Chairman Olson, and hope to instill the same standards. Going forward, our expectations will be the same as Jody’s. Do what’s right and seek opportunities to be the best in class.”

“Chairman Cilek has been a terrific Trustee since the mid-2000s. He has served PERSI’s members with distinction, by protecting the benefits they have earned. I look forward to working with Mr. Cilek in his new role as Chairman” said Director Don Drum.

Chairman Cilek has been Vice President of External/Governmental Relations for St. Luke’s Health System for close to 14 years. Before joining St. Luke’s, Cilek was Vice President of The Peregrine Fund. He also worked for Senator James A. McClure (R-Idaho) and U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee. A native of Twin Falls, Idaho, he graduated from the University of Iowa in 1980 (BBA – Finance).

His community service includes the Board of Directors of the Boise Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho, Board of Directors of the Special Olympics of Idaho, Board of Directors of Earth Share, President’s Council for the Humanitarian Bowl, Board of Advisors for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Governor’s Task Force on Federal Lands (Idaho), and the Governor’s Task Force for the Environment (Idaho).

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