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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Governor Nikki Haley today announced the appointment of Mark Keel to be the next Director of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) during an afternoon press conference. Mr. Keel currently serves as Director of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), a post he has held since 2008.

Video of the press conference is available [online](#).

"This is a great day. There's a new chief in town, and that new chief is Mark Keel. When I think of Mark Keel, the words that come to mind are: leadership, pride, fairness and trust," said Gov. Haley.

"Three years ago, Mark Keel took the helm of the Department of Public Safety and his leadership and accomplishments there - combined with his many years of exemplary service to SLED - give me no doubt that he is the right SLED chief at the right time. We share a commitment to strengthening SLED in a way that South Carolina citizens are safe and our law enforcement officials are proud. He will be a tremendous asset to our state and the law enforcement community at-large, and I am so thankful to Mark and his wife, Jeri, for their continued commitment to the people of South Carolina."

Mr. Keel served at SLED for almost 29 years, including six months as Interim Director from December 2007 – April 2008, before taking over as DPS Director.

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