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Workers' Compensation Commission

ADVISORY NOTICE

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Executive Director, Gary M. Cannon Announces Retirement

After sixteen years of exemplary and dedicated service, Executive Director Gary Cannon announces his retirement from the Commission, effective October 31, 2025.

Formerly a North Carolina resident, Director Cannon graduated from the University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill in 1974 and 1982 receiving both a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration. Director Cannon is also a graduate of the University of Virginia, Senior Executive Institute, South Carolina Executive Institute, and the Graduate Leadership of South Carolina program. He has held several board of director positions for various public entities, most notably the South Carolina Society of Association Executives (2007 – 2008), the City of Columbia Development Corporation (2006 – 2009), United Way Association of SC (2018-2025).

Director Cannon has faithfully served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Commission since 2009. During his tenure, he has successfully and expertly led the agency through several organizational changes, a global pandemic, and financial and technological challenges all while maintaining the efficiency and stability that has become the hallmark of our agency. His leadership, contributions, and participation in the South Carolina Workers' Compensation System will be greatly missed.

We thank Director Cannon for his years of service to the Commission and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him well in his retirement.

Please direct all comments and questions to:

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