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MATSUMOTO NAMED PAROLE BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JUNEAU -- Veteran probation officer Kathy Matsumoto has been named Executive Director of the Alaska Board of Parole. Matsumoto has worked as Parole Board Administrator (PO III) since 2005; previously she was a Probation Officer with the Arizona Unit. Matsumoto replaces Larry Jones, who retired.

After gaining 11 years experience as a juvenile and adult Probation Officer in Texas, Matsumoto moved to Alaska where she began a 17-year career with the Department of Corrections as a PO II at Fairbanks Correctional Center. She promoted to PO III at Spring Creek Correctional Center in Seward before being named Supervisor of the Anchorage Probation Office, a position she held for three years before moving to the Arizona Unit.

Matsumoto was hired by the five-member Board of Parole, presently chaired by Ed Rais.

Matsumoto is married with two children and one grandchild.

