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*Board of Supervisors Appoint Alison Glassey to
Interim Director of Mendocino County Museum*

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce today the appointment of Alison Glassey to the position of Interim Director of the Mendocino County Museum, effective October 4, 2009.

This action reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to the Museum, which was originally a gift to the County in 1972 from the Mendocino County Historical Society, and the Board's recognition of the need for full-time direction for the Museum.

It also reflects strong support for Glassey to provide leadership to strengthen the programs and facilities at the Museum. Glassey, who has served as Assistant Chief Executive Officer since 2005, will leave that position to take on full responsibility as Interim Museum Director at the beginning of October.

Glassey had been providing incidental oversight to the Museum, in addition to her other work assignments, since the previous Director, Herb Pruett, retired earlier this year. Glassey said "Ever since I began working with the Museum, I was drawn to the focus and creativity that's possible with the Museum. I became very interested in seeing if I could move to the Museum to be able to work at it full-time, and asked the Board to formally consider me for the Interim Director position."

Board Chair John Pinches said, "I know Alison has the skills and the energy to make things happen at the Museum. People have a lot of ideas for the Museum and we just need some energy to make things happen. Alison will be able to carry on the efforts of previous Director, Herb Pruett."

Pinches went on "There are a lot of very knowledgeable and dedicated people in this county who helped build the Museum in the first place. They still want to see the Museum succeed and take its place as one of the major cultural organizations in this area."

The Third District Supervisor recognized the continuity that Glassey provided through four successive Interim and permanent CEOs and appreciated the support she provided as Chief Executive Officer Tom Mitchell settled into County leadership.

Glassey stated that she is looking forward to a job that is closer to her home and more involved with directly serving the community. "I'm going on a special vacation with my mother in September, which we've been planning for the past year, and then I'll return to my new job rested and ready to take on the challenges of financing and programming for the Museum."

CEO Tom Mitchell acknowledged the historical knowledge and experience that Glassey gave to the ACEO position. He will be announcing decisions regarding Executive Office structure and staffing in the next few weeks.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Mitchell", written in dark ink.

Tom Mitchell
Chief Executive Officer