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GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT APPOINTS MEGAN TIERNEY-WARD AS DAIL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

WATERBURY, VT – Governor Phil Scott has appointed Megan Tierney-Ward as the next Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL). Ms. Tierney-Ward has assumed this role following the retirement of previous incumbent Camille George.

"DAIL plays an invaluable role in our mission to protect Vermont's most vulnerable and Megan will make a great addition to the leadership team as we continue to assist Vermonters of all ages and abilities to live independently in our state," said Governor Scott.

Ms. Tierney-Ward's entire career has focused on ensuring that older Vermonters get the help they need, in the setting of their choice, with dignity, respect, and independence. Of note, her leadership is a significant contributing factor for why Vermont won the <u>SCAN Foundation Pacesetter Prize for Affordability & Access</u> in 2017.

Agency of Human Services (AHS) Secretary Mike Smith states, "Megan's experience, skill set, and commitment to the DAIL and AHS mission and vision position her well to step into the role of Deputy Commissioner. She will be a valued member of our leadership team alongside DAIL Commissioner Monica Caserta Hutt, and I am very pleased to be working more closely with Megan in her new role".

Ms. Tierney-Ward is a US Army veteran and lifelong Vermonter, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Vermont. She has worked for DAIL since 1998, most recently as DAIL's Adult Services Division Director; previously, Ms. Tierney-Ward worked for what is now Age Well (Champlain Valley Area Agency on Aging) for eight years.

About the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL):

Our mission is to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability - with dignity, respect and independence. <u>https://www.facebook.com/DAILVT/</u>

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