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**TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION APPOINTS MICHAEL FARRELL
DIRECTOR OF CHARITABLE BINGO**

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery Commission has appointed Michael Farrell as Director of the Charitable Bingo Operations Division, where he will oversee the agency’s regulation of bingo effective July 16, 2018.

“I am confident that Mr. Farrell is the right choice to lead the Charitable Bingo Division,” said Texas Lottery Commission Chairman J. Winston Krause. “Mr. Farrell brings extensive government experience at the local, state, federal and foreign levels, along with expertise in leadership, management and strategic operations that is necessary to guide the agency’s Charitable Bingo Division.”

Prior to this appointment, Farrell spent seven years with the Texas Workforce Commission as the director of Infrastructure Services and Risk Management before transitioning to director of Risk and Security Management. In his most recent role, Farrell was responsible for continuity of operations, privacy, physical security and risk programs, including management of the agency's Occupational Safety and Health Program.

Farrell served more than 25 years with the U.S. Coast Guard, where he held several high-ranking positions during his career before retiring as captain in 2009. During those years, he was a qualified deck watch officer and helicopter aircraft commander. Farrell earned numerous awards for his leadership, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, U.S. Army Commendation Medal, multiple operational awards and the Mexican Navy’s La Condecoración a la Distinción Naval medal from the Government of Mexico.

Outside of his military career, Farrell previously held positions with the Abrams Learning and Information Systems Inc. and as an adjunct professor at St. Edward’s University and the University of Phoenix.

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Farrell received a Master of Arts degree in Computer Resources and Information Management from Webster University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He is a member of the American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America and Military Officers Association of America.

About Charitable Bingo

The Charitable Bingo Operations Division of the Texas Lottery Commission is charged with the strict control and close supervision of bingo conducted in Texas. Charitable Bingo provides authorized organizations the opportunity to raise funds for their charitable purposes by conducting bingo and determines that all charitable bingo funds are used for an authorized purpose and that bingo is conducted fairly. Charitable Bingo works to achieve voluntary compliance and assist licensees through training and education.

For more information about charitable bingo, please visit the official Texas Charitable Bingo website at www.txbingo.org.

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