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Doyle Appoints Donsia Strong Hill as Secretary of Regulation & Licensing

Governor Jim Doyle announced the appointment of Donsia Strong Hill today as Secretary of Regulation & Licensing. Strong Hill is an attorney concentrating in municipal bond finance at Strong Hill Associates, Ltd., in the Green Bay area.

“Donsia will bring the right combination of strong leadership, new ideas and solid experience to my administration,” Doyle said. “A skilled attorney, she has the keen ability to understand the complex legal and regulatory issues that will face the Department of Regulation & Licensing. She also has worked on the local, state and federal levels, and will bring those public service experiences to the job of Secretary.”

“Like the other cabinet secretaries I have already appointed, I have full confidence that Donsia will tackle her job with energy and enthusiasm,” Doyle said. “I’ve asked her to take a fresh look at the department and its budget to identify areas where we can consolidate programs and boards, and find ways her agency can operate better and more efficiently.”

“We all know that Wisconsin faces a tough road in the coming months,” he said. “But I am confident that I have appointed a strong, capable cabinet that will put Wisconsin back on the right track again, and Donsia Strong Hill will be a key member of that team. I am honored that she has agreed to lend her talents to help lead our state during these challenging times ahead.”

Previous appointments include: Marc Marotta as Secretary of Administration, David Riemer as Budget Director, Helene Nelson as Secretary of Health and Family Services, Matthew Frank as Secretary of Corrections, Michael Morgan as Secretary of Revenue, Kevin Shibilski as Secretary of Tourism, Karen Timberlake as Secretary of Employment Relations, Frank Busalacchi as Secretary of Transportation, Scott Hassett as Secretary of Natural Resources, Rod Nilsestuen as Secretary of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, Burnie Bridge as chairwoman of the Public Service Commission, Roberta Gassman as Secretary of Workforce Development, Cory Nettles as Secretary of Commerce, Antonio Riley as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, Susan Goodwin as Chief of Staff, and Stan Davis as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel.

Donsia Strong Hill, 42, is an attorney concentrating in municipal bond finance at Strong Hill Associates, Ltd. in the Green Bay area. She is a former Brown County assistant district attorney. Before relocating to Wisconsin, she worked in Washington, D.C. as staff counsel to U.S. Representative John Bryant-Dallas, a senior policy analyst for President Bill Clinton, and a senior advisor in the U.S. Department of Energy. She is a board member of the Adolescent Parenting Coalition of Brown County and the Nicolet Federated Library System, and is a former board member of the Lac Baie Council of Girl Scouts and the Mutual Housing Association of Brown County. A 1983 graduate of Illinois State University, she received her paralegal certification from Roosevelt University in Chicago in 1985 and a law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 1989. Strong Hill and her husband, Rick Hill, live in Oneida and have three sons.