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From Jim's Desk

Spring is in the air



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When March marches out, as a lion or a lamb, we can look forward to April showers and the beautiful colors of spring. Already here in the Washington, D.C. area, daffodils are at full bloom and the famed cherry trees at the Jefferson Memorial are bursting with white and pink blossoms. Spring offers us new beginnings.

It is appropriate to begin anew with the American Correctional Association in the spring of 2023 as well. For the last several weeks, Robert (Rob) L. Green has joined ACA as Executive Director Designee. Rob brings exceptional corrections talent to ACA, having served in sheriff's administered jails, large urban jails with community corrections and as director of a state

system, again including a large city jail. Not only does Rob bring his corrections talent to ACA, in each instance of his experience, he has accredited those facilities and state system.

ACA leadership plans for Rob to drop that "designee" part in August and assume the complete designation of Executive Director in his professional title. Having worked with him in the past several weeks, I am confident, and excited, that he will "spring" ACA forward and upward coming this summer. Rob Green is a "mover and a shaker" and he's just what your association needs at this juncture.

Yes spring is in the air here at ACA. The colors of flowers, blossoms and green trees and



Robert (Rob) L. Green, ACA Executive Director Designee.

grass are everywhere at ACA headquarters. Spring brings new beginnings and certainly it brings new beginnings to ACA.

Welcome spring and Rob Green, the new beginning is here!

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