



JERRY B. ADGER

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Jerry B. Adger, an Anderson County native, was appointed on January 12, 2015 as Director of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS) by South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. After he was confirmed by the South Carolina Senate on March 26, 2015, Mr. Adger became 7th Cabinet appointee to the Department. Mr. Adger retired from SCDPPPS in July of 2023. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of South Carolina in the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Mr. Adger has had a diverse background in the criminal justice arena. He began his career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Fingerprint Analyst. At the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division he served 23 years working in several capacities, including Fingerprint Examiner and Fingerprint Instructor, Special Agent of Investigations, SWAT Team Member, Internal Affairs Investigator and Community Relations Liaison. Mr. Adger went to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in December 1999 to direct the newly established Office of the Inspector General. He is South Carolina's first nationally certified Inspector General, receiving his certification at the American University in Washington, D.C., through the Inspectors General Institute.

Mr. Adger holds a Master of Criminal Justice Degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of South Carolina. He is a 2012 graduate of the Riley Institute at Furman University's Diversity Leaders Initiative, a program that imparts deep knowledge and skills to effectively manage and lead increasingly diverse workers, clients and constituents. He also is a 2006 graduate of the South Carolina Executive Institute.

Mr. Adger was given the Order of the Palmetto. The highest honor given by the Governor of South Carolina.

Mr. Adger is married, has two sons and resides in Columbia.