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### **Gov. Beshear appoints Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Interim Executive Director *Deputy Director Jamie Eads to lead the KHRC***

**Frankfort, Ky.** (July 7, 2022) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced Jamie Eads as the interim executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC).

Eads is a familiar face to the organization. She joined the KHRC in 2008 as the director of the Division of Incentives and Development. In 2016, she was appointed deputy director of the KHRC where she worked closely with the executive director and commission members in the overall operations of the agency.

“Jamie Eads is a great asset to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and has been a part of the evolution of horse racing in Kentucky,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Jamie has the right combination of background and vision to lead Kentucky horse racing.”

Eads has been responsible for the administration of several popular incentive programs that have boosted the racing industry in Kentucky. She oversaw \$16 million in breeder incentive funds and \$47 million in state purse development funds and harness racings’ Kentucky Proud Series.

Eads graduated from the University of Kentucky with bachelor’s degrees in marketing and management. She began her career in the horse industry at the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Breeders’ Cup LLC.

Eads succeeds Marc Guilfoil who led the KHRC as executive director for six years.

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*The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) is an independent agency of state government charged with regulating the conduct of horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing and related activities within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The KHRC is a leader in the welfare of horse and rider and the safety and integrity of horse racing.*