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## **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY THOMAS G. WALKER ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION**

**RALEIGH** - Thomas G. Walker, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina has submitted his resignation to President Barack Obama effective January 7, 2016. Mr. Walker will be returning to private practice.

Mr. Walker was sworn into office on July 8, 2011, after nomination by President Barack Obama and confirmation by the United States Senate. He took the oath of office from Chief United States District Judge James C. Dever III. As United States Attorney, Mr. Walker oversaw all federal criminal and civil matters in the 44 eastern counties of North Carolina.

"Throughout his tenure as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Thomas Walker has proved himself to be a consummate public servant and an exemplary law enforcement officer," said Attorney General Loretta Lynch. "In every case and every instance, Thomas has embodied the Justice Department's highest standards of integrity and professionalism. Thanks to his outstanding leadership, his office is well

positioned for years of continued success. And because of his tireless efforts in a range of areas - from national security to environmental protection, and from veterans' rights to the fight against human trafficking - the communities in his district are stronger, safer, and more just. I thank him for his dedication, and I wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his already distinguished career."

"Words cannot express the appreciation that I have for the opportunity to serve the Eastern District of North Carolina. I will forever be grateful to President Barack Obama, and to Senator Richard Burr and former Senator Kay Hagan for their nomination and approval," said U.S. Attorney Thomas Walker.

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