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**MDHHS Director Nick Lyon statement on the passing of C. Patrick Babcock,
former director of departments of Mental Health and Social Services**

LANSING, Mich. – Statement from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon:

“C. Patrick Babcock exemplified what it means to be a true statesman. Throughout Pat’s impressive career, he appreciated what it meant to be a public servant and worked tirelessly on behalf of people in need in the state of Michigan. As director of both the Department of Mental Health and Department of Social Services, Pat focused on what we at the state could do to better provide care to individuals and help them live healthy and fulfilling lives.

Pat continued his commitment to public service long after his tenure at the state had come to the end by volunteering for countless commissions and initiatives to support the people of Michigan. His work on Governor Granholm’s Mental Health Commission was just one example of his commitment to service. As one of the founders of the Greater Lansing Food Bank, Pat again put the needs of the community first.

Pat’s exemplary leadership and dedication to serving others has been a model for me throughout my career. On behalf of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, our deepest sympathies go out to his family, including his wife, Patricia, and daughters Lisa, Jennifer, and Jill.”

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