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ACLU Indiana Announces Executive Director Retirement ***Interim will be named*** ***National search will be launched***

Indianapolis – After three years of leading the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana and securing the largest philanthropic gift in the organization’s history, and more than 40 years in various public service and leadership positions, Gilbert L. Holmes, ACLU of Indiana executive director will retire effective March 31.

The ACLU of Indiana Board of Directors executive committee will name an interim director, and a national search will be launched for a replacement for Holmes, who joined the organization in December 2008.

“Under Gil’s outstanding leadership the ACLU of Indiana has provided top-notch legal services to the most vulnerable residents of our state, while expanding the organization’s fundraising and outreach capabilities,” said board president Catherine Gibson. “Gil has been a dynamic and effective ambassador for our organization and a strong voice for justice in our community.”

Before joining the ACLU of Indiana in 2008, Holmes was President and CEO of Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo), where he had led the organization since 2002. He served as Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles from 1989 to 1996, and has held a number of executive and leadership positions, including Lincoln National Corporation in Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Methodist Hospital and the Indianapolis Museum of Art in Indianapolis. Holmes is a decorated U.S. Army veteran who served more than 20 years and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1981.

Holmes earned a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Southern Illinois University in 1975; a Master of Science in Systems Management from University of Southern California in 1978; and the J.D. from Indiana University in December, 1999. He is a Certified Mediator by the IU School of Law, 2006.

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In 2011, the Equal Justice Works Society of the IU School of Law honored Holmes with a Public Interest Law Award, and he received the Sagamore of The Wabash from Gov. Evan Bayh in 1996.

Last year the ACLU of Indiana announced new fundraising, communications and education outreach programs made possible by the Albert G. and Sara I. Reuben Memorial Fund for Civil Liberties, which was created from a \$500,000 gift from the Sara Reuben Revocable Trust.

The ACLU of Indiana is the Indiana affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, and is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the freedoms guaranteed to Indiana residents by the Indiana and U.S. Constitutions.

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