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CHANCELLOR ANNOUNCES JOE BURKE AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – At the Alabama Community College System board of trustees meeting on Wednesday, Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker announced the selection of Dr. Joe Burke as Interim President of Calhoun Community College.

Burke is a career educator with more than 30 years of experience in higher education as an instructor, counselor and administrator. Most recently, he served as Vice President and Dean of Instruction at Northeast Alabama Community College (NACC), a position he has held for 11 years.

“Dr. Burke is a proven leader who has devoted his career to improving the lives of community college students and I’m confident his skillset fits the description of the leader Calhoun Community College needs at this time,” Baker said. “I’m confident the students, faculty, staff and administration in Decatur and Huntsville will be well-served by Dr. Burke’s experience.”

Burke began his career at NACC in Rainsville, Alabama as a Counselor and Psychology Instructor. He went on to serve as Director of Admissions, Chief Student Affairs Officer, and Vice President and Dean of Instruction. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Alabama and a Master of Science in Counseling from Jacksonville State University. He also earned a Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Alabama.

“I’m a firm believer in the power of the community college and its ability to change the lives of those who attend,” Burke said. “It is a privilege to be able to serve students in

this new capacity and I look forward to working with my colleagues at Calhoun to continue the college's commitment to success for every student."

Burke's tenure at Calhoun Community College will begin on Monday, May 14.

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