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**FORMER CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT JOINS
GORDON THOMAS HONEYWELL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Tacoma, Washington – Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs (GTH-GA) announced today that recently retired U.S. Congressman and former King County Sheriff Dave Reichert has joined the firm as a Vice President. GTH-GA is a Tacoma, Washington and Washington, D.C. based firm offering comprehensive governmental affairs services to clients at all levels of government. Reichert will advise clients and work on projects across the firm’s various business groups, both domestically and abroad.

Reichert most recently served seven terms in Congress where he was a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Trade. Earlier in his congressional career, Reichert served on the House Homeland Security Committee, and chaired the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness.

“We are excited and honored to have former Congressman Dave Reichert join our firm,” said Tim Schellberg, president and founder of GTH-GA. “His background and experience in public safety is an ideal match with many of the firm’s high-profile projects. Additionally, the experience he brings as the outgoing Chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade will bring a needed perspective to current and future clients,” said Schellberg.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Reichert had a distinguished 33-year law enforcement career at the King County Sheriff's Office, which culminated in his service as the elected Sheriff, leading the 1,100-person organization for eight years. For a significant portion of Reichert's law enforcement career, he worked as the lead investigator on the Green River serial killer case where 49 young women were murdered during the 1980s – the most prolific serial murder case in U.S. history. While serving as Sheriff, Reichert reopened the investigation in 2001, allowing advances in DNA technology to identify the killer and solve the case.

Reichert's enthusiasm for public safety and forensic DNA will continue in his new role at GTH-GA. At the firm, Reichert's activities will initially center on clients and projects focused on forensic DNA. This includes a significant project sponsored by the U.S. Department of State to combat human trafficking in Central America, where GTH-GA is supporting efforts to develop public policy for the development of DNA databases to identify victims of human trafficking and other missing persons. In relation to this project, Reichert will be responsible for collaborating with foreign government leaders and will lead the process to facilitate international agreements to share missing persons DNA database information. Reichert will also work on other forensic DNA issues, such as Rapid DNA technology and advancing stronger criminal offender DNA database programs domestically and abroad.

“The DNA projects will allow me to follow my passion to serve, protect and defend. I am humbled to work on projects that will protect our most vulnerable people on a global scale,” said Reichert. “I also look forward to continuing my interest in international trade and advising businesses to help them navigate the changing world of global trade,” said Reichert.

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