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**DODDS ELECTED PRESIDENT-ELECT
OF INTERNATIONAL CEMETERY, CREMATION AND FUNERAL ASSOCIATION**

STERLING, VA (May 7, 2018) – Jay D. Dodds, CFSP, Chief Operating Officer of Park Lawn in Houston, Texas, was elected president-elect of the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA) during its 2018 Annual Convention & Exposition, April 18-21, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dodds has more than 30 years of experience in the industry, working and managing in all levels of the funeral, cemetery and cremation business. He has managed over 179 properties, 2,000 employees in 25 states. He is a licensed funeral director, Insurance Agent and is a certified crematory operator.

Dodds served on the ICCFA Sales & Marketing Committee, as vice president, and has attended the ICCFA University. He currently serves as a trustee for both the ICCFA Educational Foundation and the Funeral Service Foundation, and a board member of the Pierce Mortuary Schools. He has been a speaker for continuing education programs on the subjects of grief and the funeral profession, acquisitions and succession planning and has facilitated a series of programs to help medical professionals understand grief in stillborn death situations.

Dodds also served on a number of community boards and committees, including the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine, Rotary International and the United Methodist Church.

Founded in 1887, the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association is the only international trade association representing all segments of the cemetery, cremation, funeral and memorialization profession. Its membership is composed of more than 9,100 rooftop locations and 20,000 professionals in the cemetery, funeral home and crematory industries, as well as supplier and related businesses worldwide.

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