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Government Properties Income Trust Raises Quarterly Common Dividend

NEWTON, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Government Properties Income Trust (NYSE: GOV) today announced it has raised its regular quarterly common share distribution by \$0.01 to \$0.43 per common share (\$1.72 per share per year). This distribution will be paid to GOV's common shareholders of record as of the close of business on October 22, 2012 and distributed on or about November 21, 2012.

Government Properties Income Trust is a real estate investment trust, or REIT, which owns properties leased primarily to the U.S. Government and state governments located throughout the United States. GOV is headquartered in Newton, MA.

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*A Maryland Real Estate Investment Trust with transferable shares of beneficial interest listed on the New York Stock Exchange.
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