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LOCAL CHAMBER LEADER ELECTED TO INDUSTRY BOARD

Linda Ashworth elected to board of directors for Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

DAYTON, Ohio — Linda Ashworth, Chief Operating Officer at the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce has been elected to serve on the board of directors for ACCE, the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, an Alexandria, Va.-based association of over 9,000 professionals who work for and with more than 1,600 chambers of commerce.

Members of ACCE’s board of directors represent more than 50 organizations, including many of the world’s largest and most influential regional chambers of commerce.

“We are pleased to welcome Linda Ashworth to the ACCE Board of Directors,” said Sheree Anne Kelly, president & CEO of ACCE. “She joins the organization’s volunteer leadership at a time when the role of chambers of commerce has never been more critical. As our members’ communities and regions emerge from the pandemic and focus on economic recovery, Linda’s expertise and leadership will contribute to achieving meaningful change, continued economic recovery and more equitable prosperity.”

Ashworth has been with the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce since 1994, and also serves as Executive Director of the chamber’s Education and Public Improvement (EPI) Foundation, a role she added in 2005.

A graduate of Leadership Dayton and the University of Dayton’s Emerging Leader Program, Ashworth is also a member of the American Society of Association Executives, and was named to the 1999 class of The Dayton Business Journal’s “Forty Under 40.” She volunteers with the TWIGS Auxiliary of Dayton Children’s Hospital, is currently Vice Board Chair for Girls on the Run of Dayton, and is a member of Beta Sigma Phi of Dayton. Ashworth has also served on the Boards of Clothes That Work, Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley, and the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.

The mission of ACCE is to support and develop chamber professionals to lead businesses and their communities. ACCE identifies and analyzes trends affecting communities, shares best practices, and develops benchmarking studies, in addition to providing other tools to help

chamber leaders manage and improve operations at their organization to achieve the highest impact in their communities.

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About ACCE

Established in 1914, ACCE is an association of over 9,000 chamber professionals from 1,600 chambers of commerce throughout the United States, including 93 of the top 100 U.S. metro areas and a host of international markets. The combined membership of ACCE chambers is close to one million businesses. Chamber leaders look to ACCE for best practices, networks and new ideas that will help them advance the interests of their communities. ACCE recommends successful programs and strategies, and identifies trends, partners and business models that show promise. For more information, visit www.ACCE.org.

About Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce brings together more than 2,200 businesses and organizations in a 9 county area surrounding Dayton, Ohio. The Chamber strives to improve the region's business climate and overall standard of living through public policy advocacy, economic development initiatives and providing networking and training opportunities for its members. Nationally awarded with "5-Star Accreditation" from the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Chamber is widely recognized for its innovative programs and outstanding contribution to positive change in the region. Information about the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is available at daytonchamber.org or 937-226-1444.