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Marisa Sharrah named President and CEO

FAIRBANKS, AK—Marisa Sharrah was named the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce following a comprehensive search. "The selection committee was especially pleased with the caliber of candidates and their passion to advance the Chamber's mission," stated Bill Bailey, Board Chair. "Marisa is going to crush it – she has unwavering integrity and oozes enthusiasm. Her leadership, energy and ability to work well with others will benefit the board and its many members."

Sharrah has been the Community Relations Manager for Flint Hills Resources Alaska since August 2007 where she manages the philanthropy program for North Pole and Anchorage, advertising campaigns and the media relations. She led the groundwater contamination project and served as the designated spokesperson. Prior experience includes Training Specialist, providing technical support to employees in North Pole and Anchorage, and Public Affairs Assistant, coordinating events and managing philanthropy requests.

Sharrah grew up in North Pole, Alaska, attending North Pole High School – graduating as a Patriot in 1996. She earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Sharrah is highly involved in various community activities including 100+ Professionals Who Care, Executive Leadership Team for Go Red for Women Fairbanks, Fairbanks Women's Hockey Association, to name a few.

Sharrah will transition to her new role as President and CEO July 5, 2016. As President and CEO, she will oversee the Chamber's operations as well as work with the board of directors and staff to advance the Chamber's business advocacy agenda.

"I'm honored to have been chosen as the next leader of the Fairbanks Chamber" said Sharrah. "As a lifelong resident of the Fairbanks area, there is nothing more important to me than seeing our community succeed. The work of the Chamber, its board, committees and members is a crucial component of ensuring that success."

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About the Fairbanks Chamber*—The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce was established in 1952 and is the largest business advocacy organization in Interior Alaska. The Chamber represents the interests of its more than 700 members by advocating for a healthy economic environment that promote the greater Fairbanks area as an attractive place for business and community.*

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