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WVHA PRESIDENT & CEO ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

CHARLESTON, WV - Joseph Letnaunchyn, President & CEO of the West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA), has announced his plans to retire on December 31, 2020. Letnaunchyn has served West Virginia's hospitals and health systems for the last 14 years and has been a collaborative partner with state legislators, three governors and the members and staff of the West Virginia Congressional delegation.

Letnaunchyn will conclude 45 years of service in the healthcare industry. Under his leadership, WVHA has advanced the Association through numerous legislative and policy initiatives; changes in Medicaid payments; patient safety and quality; and transparency in hospital data.

"Joe has been an invaluable part of WVHA during his tenure," stated Kevin Fowler, Chair of the WVHA Board and President and CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital. "On behalf of the WVHA Board and membership, I would like to thank Joe for his tireless efforts in support of the Association's members and the communities and patients we serve."

"It has been an honor serving the leadership and dedicated health professionals of West Virginia's hospitals and health systems," Letnaunchyn noted. "I have enjoyed my time with the Association, and I'm proud of the many accomplishments made by the WVHA team on behalf of our members."

The WVHA Executive Committee has developed a succession planning process and will conduct a search to identify Letnaunchyn's successor.

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The West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA) is a not-for-profit statewide organization representing 61 hospitals and health systems across the continuum of care. The WVHA was founded in 1925 to serve as the collective voice of the state's hospital community. Today, the mission of the WVHA is to support its members in achieving a strong, healthy West Virginia. Members of the Association envision a strong healthcare system that supports optimizing the health status of West Virginians served by hospitals and improving the economic condition of the state.

The values of quality, transparency, integrity, collaboration and innovation guide the actions of the Association so that member hospitals and health systems can provide high-quality, affordable, accessible healthcare for West Virginia families and communities. The Association is proud to be a part of the state's hospital industry, adding value to the health and wellness of West Virginians. In addition to representing hospitals and health systems, the WVHA includes associate member organizations that partner with West Virginia's hospitals.