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THE WILLIAM O. LOCKRIDGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, DC, April 20, 2017 – Today, Mrs. Wanda D. Lockridge, Founder and Chairwoman of the William O. Lockridge Community Foundation (WOLCF), and the Board of Directors, named Ms. Marcia Barnwell as the new Executive Director. Mrs. Lockridge retained the title since the inception of the WOLCF in 2011 and will continue as Chairwoman.

Stated Mrs. Lockridge, “I am truly excited and pleased that Ms. Barnwell has agreed to join the WOLCF in this capacity. From the moment I met her, my gut told me that she was the right person for this job. She is eager to work in our community and also knew my late husband, William. The WOLCF has accomplished so much in just six short years and I am looking forward to working with Ms. Barnwell to take us to the next level. Indeed and with the drastic change in the national political landscape, the work of the WOLCF is more needed now in our community than ever before.”

Throughout her career, Ms. Barnwell has consistently been recognized as a reliable, innovative and detail-oriented trouble shooter. She has extensive experience and done detailed research and coursework research in curriculum design, adult learning, and primary and secondary educational systems. In addition, Ms. Barnwell has experience in developing and supporting education policy, adult learning pedagogy, as well as program planning and management. She is presently completing the requirements for a PhD in Education from Keiser University.

“I cannot begin to tell you excited I am to work with Wanda and the Board of the WOLCF,” said Ms. Barnwell. “I knew William Lockridge and remain proud of his work in the field of education and contributions as a teacher, community activist and champion for all children. I am proud to now officially be a part of a community organization that is actively committed to keeping his legacy alive in Washington, D.C., in general, and Wards 7 and 8, in particular.”

The WOLCF was established shortly after the passing of William Lockridge in January 2011 as a vehicle to continue his work in the community. Located in Southeast Washington, D.C., the WOLCF promotes access financial and educational resources to students in Wards 7 and 8 by offering scholarships, emergency financial assistance and opportunities for international travel.

Please visit www.WilliamLockridgeCommunityFoundation.org for additional information on the WOLCF.

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