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Suzanne Savage Hired as Chief Development Officer for Virginia Aquarium

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) – The City of Virginia Beach Department of Aquarium, Historic Houses, and Museums is pleased to announce that Suzanne Savage has been named the Chief Development Officer. Savage began the position on April 1.

Savage was previously the Associate Vice President for Advancement and Board Relations at Virginia Wesleyan University. She joined Virginia Wesleyan in 2004, and was responsible for two successful capital campaigns during her tenure. Additionally, Savage oversaw fundraising related to science, technology and sustainability needs. During her tenure, Virginia Wesleyan was named Outstanding Nonprofit in Fundraising in 2018 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Hampton Roads Chapter.

Prior to her time at Virginia Wesleyan University, Savage worked as the Director of Development for the Savannah College of Art and Design, Executive Director of Development for Christopher Newport University, Associate Director of Development for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Director of Development for the Peninsula Fine Arts Center, and Annual Fund Manager for the Virginia Opera.

Savage graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums. The Aquarium is also a member of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Virginia Aquarium's mission is to inspire conservation of the marine environment through education, research and sustainable practices. It is located at 717 General Booth Boulevard, just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach.

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