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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Eastern National Announces Leadership Transition Plan**

FORT WASHINGTON, PA - Eastern National's Board of Directors met on October 30, 2015 and approved the final phase of their leadership succession plan. Dr. G. Jay Gogue, Board Chair, has stepped down as Board Chair and will remain a board member. George Minnucci, who served as CEO since 2008, has been named Board Chair. George will remain available to complete year-end corporate matters and provide consultation as needed. John F. Ryan, Chief Administration Officer, has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. He will continue to serve in his current role as Chief Administration Officer. Kevin C. Kissling has assumed the role of President and Chief Executive Officer.

Kevin joined the Eastern National team in 1987. His first position was Staff Accountant, where he performed a variety of financial tasks including operational audits and the preparation of corporate financial statements. In 1995, Kevin advanced to become Regional Manager for the Philadelphia Region, which included stores at Independence National Historical Park, the national parks of Western Pennsylvania, and the America's National Parks Warehouse. In 2007, Kevin joined Eastern National's Headquarters team and, since that time, has assumed a number of progressive leadership positions, most recently serving as Chief Operating Officer.

"It's an honor to be chosen to lead the Eastern National team," said Kevin. "Eastern National is an incredible organization, with a dedicated group of people who fulfill an important mission of educating visitors every day. I'm grateful to George Minnucci and Eastern National's Board of Directors for their confidence in me, and I am committed to working hard to reward that trust. I look forward to leading the organization forward as we continue to look for ways to expand our support of park partners and fulfill our mission."

Kevin is a graduate of Peirce College and holds a bachelor of business administration and management degree with a minor in accounting. He resides in Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania, with his wife Michele, son Andrew, and daughter Kristina. He has been very active in local Little League, CYO sports, and Boy Scouts of America. Kevin serves as a board member for the Whitemarsh Township Parks and Recreation Board and *The Daily Gazette*, located in Schenectady, New York.

***Eastern National, a not-for-profit cooperating association, promotes the public's understanding and support of America's national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$105 million to the National Park Service in the form of direct donations and grants that support vital educational and interpretive programs in America's national parks.***

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