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### **Harvey C. Perry, II, Joins Eastern National Board of Directors**

FORT WASHINGTON, PA — Eastern National, a not-for-profit cooperating association supporting the educational, scientific, historical, and interpretive activities of the National Park Service and other public trust partners, announces the appointment of Harvey C. Perry, II, to its Board of Directors.

“We are delighted that Harvey has joined Eastern National’s Board of Directors,” said Eastern National Chief Executive Officer Kevin C. Kissling. “Harvey brings a wealth of experience working with numerous nonprofit organizations to connect them with professional advisors, service providers, and other resources and information to help them achieve their missions. His experience will add a valuable perspective to our board.”

Mr. Perry served for 39 years in various capacities at the Washington Trust Company in Westerly, Rhode Island, a subsidiary of Washington Trust Bancorp, which operates under the third oldest bank charter in the United States and is the oldest such company providing retail banking services. During his time at the Washington Trust Company, Mr. Perry served in various capacities, including as head of the Wealth Management Division, increasing assets from \$132 million to \$1.6 billion and revenue from \$1 million to \$10.5 million; as head of bank strategic planning; as corporate secretary; and as director of the office for nonprofit resources, providing consulting services to nonprofit organizations. In addition, he served on the senior management committee and the charitable contributions committee. While at the bank, his professional affiliations included serving as president of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Bankers Association and on

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the membership committee of the American Bankers Association, as well as on the Rhode Island Estate Planning Council and the Estate Planning Council of Southeastern Connecticut. He retired from the Washington Trust Company in 2013.

Mr. Perry was a charter board member and is past president of the Westerly Land Trust, in which capacity he negotiated transactions and wrote grants to acquire more than 1,600 acres of land, amounting to more than seven percent of the town of Westerly, Rhode Island. In addition, he has served as trustee of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Nature Conservancy for 19 years; trustee of Preserve Rhode Island, the state affiliate of the National Historic Trust; and commissioner of the Quonochontaug Beach Conservation Commission. He led the capital campaign to restore and renovate the historic Wheeler Library building in North Stonington, Connecticut, and started the Friends of the Wheeler Library organization.

Mr. Perry's awards include the 2005 Peter Merritt Award from the Rhode Island Land Trust Council and the 2006 Citizen of the Year Award from the Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce. He holds a bachelor of arts from Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania, and attended the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University and the Columbia University Executive Management Program.

***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 \$135 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. Learn more at [www.EasternNational.org](http://www.EasternNational.org).***

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