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Gary Plummer Selected for Economic Recovery Fellowship ***The local Chamber leader was among 42 selected nationwide to participate*** ***(photo attached)***

WICHITA, KS – Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Gary Plummer, has been selected by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) to study economic recovery and resilience strategies with 41 other chamber of commerce professionals from communities throughout the United States.

The Fellowship for Economic Recovery is an immersive executive development program that provides chamber of commerce professionals with education and tools to improve the post-COVID-19 pandemic outcomes in the communities they serve.

Plummer, who has devoted his career to growing the economies of the chambers he has led around the country, believes the ACCE fellowship will provide him with more tools to work on reigniting the economy. Plummer said, "A skilled workforce and the enhancement of our career education pipeline are critical to our economy's recovery. I'm looking forward to working with other leaders from around the country to share creative ideas about how we can build a better future for our members."

Throughout the year-long Fellowship for Economic Recovery, participants focus on addressing different aspects of economic recovery from education and talent to economic development to entrepreneurship. The curriculum will focus on strategies for building more equitable economic outcomes and creating economies that work for everyone.

"We have been overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response to this executive leadership training initiative and the high caliber of applicants," said ACCE President Sheree Ann Kelly. Speaking on the need for businesses to engage in economic recovery activities, Kelly says her organization assists its members through various learning opportunities and best practice sharing. "This latest step in our strategy to engage business leaders and advocates in shaping recovery efforts, building resilient local economies and creating opportunities for everyone in the community to thrive."

ACCE's Fellowship for Economic Recovery is designed to help chambers refine their economic recovery goals and ultimately help the business associations nationwide build replicable programs and

processes. Leaders selected to participate in the Fellowship represent urban and rural communities from 24 states.

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About the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

The Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, founded in 1914, serves more than 7,500 chamber of commerce professionals, and 1,300 chambers of commerce or similar organizations, around the world. ACCE's members come from nearly each of the largest 100 metropolitan regions in the United States. Based in Alexandria, Virginia, the mission of ACCE is to support chamber professionals so they can lead their communities. Learn more about us by visiting www.ACCE.org. For more information about ACCE's professional development Divisions, visit <https://www.ACCE.org/networks/divisions/>.