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Interim CEO to Oversee The Arc of Anchorage During Leadership Transition in 2016

ANCHORAGE, AK, December 24, 2015 – The Arc of Anchorage (The Arc) announces the appointment of Gwendolyn Lee Zavodnick to serve as interim Chief Executive Officer of The Arc of Anchorage. With decades of experience in social services, Mrs. Zavodnick previously served The Arc of Anchorage as the executive director for 12 years. She will provide leadership to the organization until The Arc's board of directors select a new CEO in 2016. Mrs. Zavodnick assumes the role on January 4, 2016. Gwen succeeds the previous CEO Dr. Mary Van Haneghan, who served The Arc until December 21, 2015.

"We appreciate the contributions made by Dr. Van Haneghan during her time at The Arc of Anchorage," board president Patrick Rumley stated. "We wish her the best in her future endeavors. Looking to the future, our priority is to identify a leader for The Arc that can take our organization to the next level. Gwen will provide excellent leadership during the interim and a smooth transition when a new CEO is selected."

Currently, executive members of the board of directors are working closely with key management and staff to ensure uninterrupted service to clients of The Arc who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities. Daily operations will be maintained by the organization's front line leadership and staff until the interim CEO is in place.

Founded in 1957, The Arc of Anchorage serves Alaskans who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc strives to help these Alaskans achieve lives of fulfillment and independence as valued members of our community offering a full array of services. For information please call 907-277-6677 or visit www.thearcofanchorage.org.

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