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Town of West Tisbury
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Dear Town of West Tisbury,

As a supporter of the Martha's Vineyard Museum, I wanted you to be among the first to know that the Board of Directors voted unanimously to appoint Heather Seger the next Executive Director of the Museum. Heather has been the Interim Executive Director since last June and the Advancement Director since 2018.

The selection comes after an international search process led by the Arts Consulting Group, from Boston. We always knew that the organization had a tremendous asset in Heather, but felt it was our due diligence responsibility as a board to cast a wide net. Along the way we interviewed some remarkable candidates from all across the country and as far away as Europe. Throughout that long process, Heather proved herself to be a remarkable leader, one who has not only managed the Museum superbly during a time for which none of us was fully prepared, but who also enhanced the relevance of Martha's Vineyard Museum to the community we serve. After observing Heather's leadership over the past year, we are fully confident that the Museum will continue to be led forward by a person of the highest integrity who is also a tremendously competent, capable, and professional individual. During what has been the most unprecedented year in memory, Heather's steady hand, inspiring leadership, and the respect she has built across the Island's nonprofit and municipal sectors helped the Museum meet the needs of the community and motivate our staff to find new ways to provide an outstanding visitor experience.

Some of you already know Heather and I encourage you to congratulate her directly. I also want to thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Museum and its mission. During the past year, the staff and board have worked tirelessly to provide needed educational content to parents and teachers, daily images and stories that are familiar and uplifting to those isolated at home, and safe and surprising ways to engage our members and our new friends. We, like you, understand that the arts are how we rebalance and find equilibrium during these unsettling times and I hope you revisit the Museum this summer and, encourage your family and friends to discover us anew.

Thank you for your continued support,



Cathy M. Weiss
Board Chair

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