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Governor Moore Announces Appointment of Cleveland L. Horton II as Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Wes Moore today announced Cleveland L. Horton II's appointment as Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights. Mr. Horton has been serving as Acting Executive Director for the past four months, and today, Gov Moore made the appointment official.

"Maryland is grateful for the distinguished service of Cleveland L. Horton II over the last four months, during a period of transition for the Commission on Civil Rights. His continued leadership at the helm of this critical agency will advance our mission to safeguard the rights of all Marylanders," said Gov. Moore. "Cleveland is a true public servant in every sense of that phrase, and our state will be better because of his partnership in the work. I thank the commission for the important role they played in ensuring the agency is led by such a passionate and capable professional."

Cleveland L. Horton II brings a wealth of experience and a steadfast commitment to protecting civil rights. Horton has worked with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights for more than 15 years, including serving as deputy director for 11 years. He is an employment law compliance and equal employment opportunity regulations expert with extensive knowledge regarding the historical impact of state policies and procedures on all communities.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to serve as the Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights," said Cleveland L. Horton II. "As I accept this great responsibility, I am fully aware that I am here because many before me paved the way. I stand upon the shoulders of giants. The only way to repay those who sacrificed so much for civil rights is to continue their work and push forward and bring about a world free from discrimination. As Executive Director, I am committed to advancing equity, justice, and inclusion across our state. I look forward to working with our communities, leaders, and partners to build a more just and equitable Maryland for all."

"Our vision is to have a State that is free from any trace of unlawful discrimination."

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