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HILLS & DALES NAMES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Dubuque, IA – June 8, 2021) – The Board of Directors of Hills & Dales is thrilled to announce Jack Mescher as the new Chief Executive Officer effective upon the retirement of Marilyn Althoff, CEO, on July 2, 2021. Mescher has served as Government Relations and Assistant Director with Hills & Dales since March 2020.

In November 2020, longtime CEO, Marilyn Althoff, announced plans to retire after a total of nearly thirty-two years with the organization, and seventeen as CEO. Althoff began her career with Hills & Dales in 1989 and served in numerous supervisory and leadership roles before taking the helm as CEO in 2004.

“I wish Jack the best and wholeheartedly trust in his ability to now lead Hills & Dales,” Althoff said.

Mescher has been involved with Hills & Dales in various ways over the past eight years; starting his career as a Direct Support Professional and has also served as a legislative advocate and Hills & Dales Board member. Mescher is originally from Dyersville, Iowa, and holds degrees from Loras College.

Mescher and Althoff have been working concurrently since February 2021 to ensure a smooth transition.

“We are excited about Jack’s passion for the residents, clients, and families supported by Hills & Dales, and have every confidence in his ability to lead this next chapter of our organization,” stated Brian Kane, Hills & Dales Board President.

Founded in 1973, Hills & Dales is a Dubuque based non-profit dedicated to building meaningful lives for individuals with disabilities by offering services that support the whole person and enhance community inclusion. To learn more call 563-556-7878 or visit www.hillsdales.org.

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