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MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, CHICAGO WELCOMES CHEVY HUMPHREY AS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO

CHICAGO (January 12, 2021) – The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) has welcomed new President and CEO Chevy Humphrey, who joined the Museum on Monday. She is the seventh president of the storied South Side institution founded in 1933, where generations of families have visited and been inspired.

"Leading MSI has been an aspiration of mine throughout my career," Humphrey said. "I am thrilled to be joining MSI and making Chicago my home, and look forward to being a part of this community and this iconic institution at a critical time in our history."

Humphrey is a recognized national and international leader in the museum field. Prior to joining MSI, she served as CEO of the Phoenix-based Arizona Science Center for 15 years. Humphrey is currently Chair of the Board of the American Alliance of Museums and previously served as Chair of the Board of the Association of Science and Technology Centers. At MSI she succeeds David Mosena, who retired after leading the Museum for 23 years.

Humphrey said she is committed to the Museum's mission to inspire the inventive genius in everyone and its role as an educational institution.

"I believe that science is everywhere, and it's for everyone," Humphrey said. "Science has never been more important than it is today, and I'm honored to lead our efforts to impact families and connect with communities."

Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum provides high-quality STEM learning programs. With a focus on serving Chicago-area schools and neighborhoods, MSI has reached over 4.8 million youth since 2006 with a unique approach that also supports their teachers, families, schools and communities. During the pandemic, MSI has provided virtual learning opportunities including free teacher professional development webinars, remote maker-themed camps, streamed conversations with scientists, free resources for learning at home and more.

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. The Museum is grateful for the support of its donors and guests who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414.