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Humane Society Appoints Kate Meghji as Executive Director

(Vero Beach, Florida) – The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County (HSVB) today announced that, following a nationwide search, Kate Meghji has been appointed the organization’s new executive director effective January 2, 2019. Meghji will be directing the operation of the 44,000+ square-foot nonprofit HSVB facility, its wellness clinic, and its two thrift shops as well as overseeing the organization’s many programs that serve to protect the animals of Indian River County.

Meghji has extensive experience in the field of animal care and sheltering. She is currently serving as the executive director of the Lawrence Humane Society in Lawrence Kansas and was previously the executive director of Sinai Temple in Champaign Illinois, and shelter manager for the Champaign County Humane Society. Meghji holds an M.B.A. from University of Illinois in Urbana and a B.S. in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from Evergreen State College in Washington.

“Kate will bring innovative leadership and solid management skills to the Shelter,” said HSVB’s Board President Susan Schulyer Smith. “What we are most excited about is her demonstrated commitment to building community partnerships, and furthering HSVB’s long and successful track record of serving the people and animals in Indian River County.”

During Meghji’s tenure at Lawrence Humane Society, she led the shelter to improve its operations to industry best practices, including increasing adoptions, increasing the organization’s live save rate, and also led a successful \$7.5 million campaign to build a new, state-of-the art animal shelter, currently under construction.

“I am simply thrilled to be joining the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County,” said Meghji, “I am looking forward to utilizing my past experience to help chart a progressive and ambitious course for such a wonderful organization and critically-needed resource for the pets and people in this community.”

Founded in 1953, The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping and protecting the animals of Indian River County. For 65 years HSVB has been an open-admission shelter that accepts animals regardless of species, breed, age or temperament.

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