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THE RHODE ISLAND SPCA ANNOUNCES THE NAMING OF ITS 12TH PRESIDENT AND GENERAL AGENT WAYNE M. KEZIRIAN, ESQ.

[Riverside, Rhode Island, January 19, 2021] — The Rhode Island SPCA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Wayne M. Kezirian, Esq. has been named as the 12th President and General Agent of the Society. Mr. Kezirian, who is leaving his position as General Counsel of Paolino Properties to assume this role, has significant non-profit leadership experience and has previously chaired the boards of Travelers Aid Society of Rhode Island (now Crossroads), McAuley Corporation and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. He has served on the board of the RISPCA since 2014, most recently as its chair.

“I am excited to have an opportunity to apply my experience and skills in support of the mission of the RISPCA,” said Kezirian. “I am particularly interested in expanding the Society’s outreach to low and moderate-income pet owners and I hope that my work will make it possible for more children and families to experience the joys of pet ownership.”

The RISPCA operates an animal shelter in East Providence, Rhode Island where adoption services and support services are available and, in addition to its cruelty related law enforcement activities and humane education programs, the RISPCA provides veterinary services and assistance to low-income pet owners.

About the Rhode Island SPCA: Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is the oldest humane animal welfare organization in the state of Rhode Island and the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, it does not receive any local or federal funding nor is it affiliated with any national humane organization. It relies on donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations to provide critical programs and services for the animals and people in the community. Donations should be addressed to the Rhode Island SPCA. The RISPCA is not affiliated with the ASPCA.

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