



## Press Statement

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### **MMTC President and CEO Kim Keenan Resigns; Maurita Coley Flippin to Serve as Interim Head**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 11, 2017):** The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) announced today that Kim Keenan has resigned from her post as President and CEO. Maurita Coley Flippin, who has served for five years with MMTC as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, will serve as Interim President and CEO.

Keenan took the helm of the organization from co-founder David Honig in 2014, and her legacy focused on “bringing policy to the people,” reaching out to communities to make complex and esoteric telecom policies relatable, and to bridge the digital divide. Her signature events included a Net Equality Tour, annual Tech Prep Summits, and a net neutrality campaign, each designed to engage diverse communities in policy, to prep college students for the careers of the future, and to encourage individuals to weigh in on the importance of legislative action for the nation’s digital future.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to have led MMTC for the past three years, and I take great pride in having worked with such a talented team and an impactful organization,” stated Keenan. “I view my role as having assisted MMTC in developing the requisite infrastructure to grow and thrive. Although I have moved on to pursue other professional opportunities, I am confident that MMTC will continue to achieve great things in the months and years ahead, and I will treasure leaving my fingerprints on its progress.”

“MMTC extends our deepest appreciation and many thanks to Kim for her steadfast leadership of MMTC over the past three years,” stated MMTC Board Chair Julia Johnson. “Thanks to Kim, MMTC has more focus and understanding on making our policy work more relatable to the people it impacts most. The spirit of Kim’s legacy will live on in MMTC, and we wish her all the best on her future endeavors.”

Coley Flippin most recently served as MMTC’s Executive Vice President/COO. Prior to her work with MMTC, Coley served as an executive at the BET Cable Networks, as Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs, and as Senior Vice President, Network Operations and Programming; and as a partner at the Davis Wright Tremaine and the Cole, Raywid and Braverman law firms. Immediately prior to joining MMTC, Coley Flippin served as Executive Director of Capital Area Asset Builders, a leading nonprofit in financial inclusion in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

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#### **About MMTC:**

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecom and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation’s leading advocate for minority advancement in communications.