



Press Statement

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Dr. Ronald Johnson Assumes Helm of MMTC Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 12, 2018): The Multicultural Cultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) announced today that Dr. Ronald Johnson has been elected to serve as Chair of its Board of Directors, succeeding the Hon. Julia L. Johnson, who has resigned from her post.

“MMTC is blessed to have had the extraordinary leadership of Julia Johnson for many years. From the state of Florida to the Federal Communications Commission, she has made a strong impact as a civil servant and advocate for the disenfranchised. Her professional career embodies the very mission of MMTC. That strong leadership will continue under Dr. Ron Johnson, who presently serves as Board Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee. We could not have anyone more dedicated to multicultural opportunity and bridging the digital divide than this 30-year telecom entrepreneur and public servant,” said former FCC Commissioner and MMTC Vice Chair Deborah Taylor Tate.

Dr. Johnson has served as Treasurer and a member of MMTC’s Executive Committee since 2011. A telecommunications entrepreneur, he brings over 30 years of experience in owning and operating telecommunications infrastructure services companies. A committed public servant, he recently was appointed to serve a fourth four-year term as Commissioner of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, where as its Secretary he has certified the placement of nearly two billion dollars in industrial revenue bonds for area economic development projects. In addition, Commissioner Johnson has served five Virginia governors in appointed positions to include the Southern Technology Council, Transportation Advisory Board, Rector of Virginia State University’s Board of Visitors, Vice Chairman of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Co-Chair of the Governor’s Foundation for a Drug Free Virginia, and member of the Virginia Historical Society Board. A visionary and advocate for diversity in telecommunications, Commissioner Johnson was twice appointed to the FCC’s Advisory Committee on Diversity in the Digital Age, where he chaired its Subcommittee on Procurement Best Practices Affecting Diverse Suppliers and assisted in developing and moderating sessions on business diversity issues with the FCC’s Office of Communications Business Opportunities. Dr. Johnson currently serves as a member of the Tech Diversity Working Group on the FCC’s Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment. He is currently the Wireless Infrastructure Association’s (WIA) Chief Advisor and Strategist for Diversity and Inclusion and was a key player in developing an apprenticeship consortium composed of the National Urban League, the Wireless Infrastructure Association, and MMTC, which was formed to develop and promote apprenticeships in the telecommunications industry pursuant to a contract with the U.S. Department of Labor. Dr. Johnson is a board member of the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church.

Hon. Julia Johnson has served with distinction as a member of the MMTC Board of Directors, taking the position of Treasurer in 2008 before becoming Chair in 2011. An entrepreneur and visionary with a strong background in civic leadership and service, Ms. Johnson is Founder and President of NetCommunications, a national regulatory and public affairs firm, and has previously served as Chair of the Florida Public Service Commission, the Federal-State Universal Joint Board on Universal Service, and the FCC’s Advisory Committee on Communications for Diversity in the Digital Age. She has also served as Chair of the Commission’s newly-chartered Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment.

Dr. Johnson will continue his role as MMTC’s Treasurer. He and Ms. Johnson are not related.

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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 in the mass media, telecom and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation’s leading advocate for multicultural advancement in communications.