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Kennebec Valley Council of Governments Names Joel Greenwood Executive Director

Fairfield, ME: The Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has appointed Joel Greenwood as Executive Director.

Eric Dyer, KVCOG Board of Director's President and Town Manager of Readfield announced "We are excited for the opportunity to bring one of our most talented and experienced employees into the Executive Director role on a permanent basis. Joel is already well known to our membership and fully aware of KVCOG operations and services, which will result in a near seamless transition for the organization." Dyer added, "In his new position Joel's expertise as a planner will strengthen KVCOG's essential role in supporting regional and local planning initiatives and provide deliberate and thoughtful leadership."

"I am very happy to be able to step up on a permanent basis to lead KVCOG as its next Executive Director. My long tenure and experience in the organization will make the transition as smooth and quick as possible. I'm grateful to continue working with the exceptional team at KVCOG that provides high-quality and valuable services to the municipalities of the Kennebec Valley" said Greenwood. "As an organization, KVCOG will continue to look for new ways to assist communities across the region."



*Joel Greenwood,
KVCOG Executive Director*

Greenwood succeeds Matthew Underwood, who tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors in late January. Joel has been with KVCOG since 2011 and has had more than 20 years of experience in non-profit work, redevelopment, economic development in rural communities and all aspects of rural and urban planning. His years of experience in all aspects of KVCOG's operations, existing relationships with its members and as an admired mentor and leader to the KVCOG team translates to a bright future for KVCOG and its member municipalities.

About the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG)

KVCOG is a private, non-profit organization established in 1967 as membership organization and is owned and operated for the benefit of its members. The Council is enabled by state statute.

KVCOG provides a coordinated approach for planning and economic development at the local and regional level and has been a leader in economic development, environmental, land use and transportation planning with a wide array of professional talent among staff for the past 50 years.

With its office located in Fairfield, Maine, KVCOG serves 62 municipalities, several unorganized territories, 5,251 square miles, and a population of ~182,000 throughout the Kennebec Valley region of Maine within Kennebec, Somerset and western Waldo Counties. Our region is connected by the Kennebec River and includes the state capital of Augusta as well as the cities of Waterville, Gardiner, and Hallowell, as well as many rural towns. (Municipal population ranges from 42 to 18,972).

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