

**Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons Announces
Full Year Appointment of Robert H. Loftur-Thun as Interim Executive Director**

FAIRFAX, VA, March 24, 2016 – The Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons today announced a full year appointment of Robert H. Loftur-Thun as Interim Executive Director.

In making the announcement, Eileen McCartin, NVRC Chairperson, said, “We are very excited to appoint Bob for a full year as Interim Executive Director of NVRC. Bob’s experience in marketing, business planning, financial management, technology and his entrepreneurial spirit will help NVRC take full advantage during this interim period to strengthen our financial and management systems, expand our use of web based technology and social media, grow our services to the deaf and hard of hearing communities, diversify and expand our revenue base, and provide an opportunity for the Board to conduct strategic planning and chart NVRC’s course forward. NVRC’s goal is to build a strong foundation while the Board engages in strategic planning and prepares for an executive search for a permanent Executive Director. We are also very pleased that Bob, as a hard of hearing person himself, personally relates to the deaf and hard of hearing communities and the mission of NVRC. He is currently taking American Sign Language classes and is committed to accessible communication for all.”

In response to his recent appointment, Mr. Loftur-Thun said, “I am thrilled to join the NVRC management team and strengthen the foundation upon which NVRC can grow and expand its services to the deaf and hard of hearing communities. As the Interim Executive Director, my goal will be to focus on strengthening the organization, while providing the Board time to step back, go through a thorough strategic planning process, build the capacity of the Board, and be fully prepared to conduct an executive search for a permanent Executive Director.”

Mr. Loftur-Thun has over 25 years executive experience in the private and non-profit sectors. With a BS/BA degree in Finance and Accounting from Georgetown University, in addition to further training and certification as a CPA, he began his career in a key financial management position for a commercial real estate development company with over \$35 million in revenue. He then served as CFO and COO for Windows Catering Company, which doubled annual revenue under his guidance, and then CEO of The Global Business Channel, a “how-to” business training broadband Internet resource. Mr. Loftur-Thun became Director of Information Technology at the Corcoran Museum of Art and College of Art + Design in 1997, where he designed and implemented a state-of-the-art information infrastructure, as well as co-developed the Digital Video program at the College. After serving as Information Projects Director at the Global Technology and Environment Foundation, he served as Vice President of Marketing, Development and Public Affairs at the Wildlife Habitat Council. Most recently, Mr. Loftur-Thun has served as Chief Executive Officer of the EcoCatalyst Foundation and as a Principal in Sustainability Nexus, a consulting firm providing executive management and capacity building services for non-profit organizations.

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