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McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Announces Resignation

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McMinnville Chamber's President/CEO, Nathan Knottingham, has issued notice of his resignation effective mid-July of 2016. The Chamber's Board of Directors have accepted the resignation and begun the process of posting the job opening locally and nationally.

"We have been very blessed to have Nathan as a part of our team for the past three years. Nathan has brought structure, organization, leadership, passion and some great ideas to life. Under his leadership, we now have Lemonade Day, an easy-to-navigate beautiful-new website, increased memberships (coupled with a positive perception of the value of Chamber membership), a weekly greeters networking event attended by over 100 people, a community-wide 4th of July celebration and a simplified and clear vision and mission for our future, among other successes," said Deanna Benson, current Chair of the Board for the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce. "We cannot thank Nathan enough for his dedication, energy, enthusiasm and the passion that he brought to his work at the Chamber and to our community. Nathan and his family have left a positive impact on McMinnville and our chamber. We look forward to following the success of his future career. I am excited for Nathan and his new opportunity and hopeful about what is next for our Chamber's leadership."

"McMinnville is a special place that has a lot to offer the State of Oregon as a whole. I believe that the Chamber Board's ability to ask the hard questions and identify the need of the business community to have a local and unified voice to support business was greatly needed. I was just lucky enough to have been a part of the growth and direction setting for this short time," said Nathan Knottingham.

Nathan has accepted a position with The Knowledge Coop (www.knowledgecoop.com) a private company in Vancouver, Washington that provides compliance and continuing education training in the mortgage industry. He will be responsible for building and developing the online continuing education division of the company which is licensed to train mortgage professionals in all 50 states. Nathan said, "Through my time at the Chamber I found a passion and niche for taking big legislative issues and working to break them down into easy to understand and remember sound bites. I've known Ken Perry and the Knowledge Coop for over a decade when they were training me as a Loan Office for a mortgage company in Salem, Oregon. The decision to move has been very difficult, but ultimately this opportunity provides many strong benefits to me professionally and personally."

The McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce is a 501c6 non-profit private organization that currently has over 460 members. The Chamber facilitates many programs within the city including Leadership Mac, the Turkey Rama BBQ, July 4th Celebration, job fairs, networking, legislative issue education, and current affairs programming. The current job posting can be found on the Chamber's website at <http://mcminnville.org/president-ceo-search/>. More information about the McMinnville Area Chamber of

Commerce can also be found at www.mcminnville.org and financial reports can be viewed through Guide Star at <http://www.guidestar.org/profile/93-0223400> .

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