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MOLLY O'CONNOR JOINS KOMEN PUGET SOUND AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SEATTLE – The Board of Directors of Komen Puget Sound are pleased to announce Molly O'Connor as their new executive director. She joins the team from Thrive Washington, where her leadership helped thousands of families connect with vital early childhood information and interventions and brought together dozens of state and local organizations to better coordinate and leverage their efforts to support the state's youngest children. We are thrilled to see her apply this leadership and passion to Komen's mission of fighting breast cancer and ensuring all communities have access to life-saving early detection and treatment support.

Molly brings almost 20 years of experience with Puget Sound non-profits, working on a broad range of education-focused issues. Described as an inspirational leader, strategic thinker and creative problem solver, Komen Puget Sound (KPS) is very excited to have her join the team. "We believe Molly's background, experience and leadership are what we need in our next executive director. She is uniquely qualified and positioned to lead KPS into the future," said Dr. Amy Sing, MD, board president.

Molly has helped organizations create overall strategy, enhance their work around advocacy and community engagement, and take action with an equity lens. She is passionate about helping organizations find and leverage untapped potential. She is committed to working in local, underserved communities. These skills make her a great fit to be the next executive director of Komen Puget Sound, where promoting access to services for local underserved communities is a core priority.

"We all know a person, a family affected by breast cancer. Because of that I am 'all in' with Komen's mission of saving lives by meeting critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer," said Molly.

Molly takes the helm at a challenging time for both the nonprofit and business communities alike. In response to COVID-19, KPS has had to reschedule events, including its signature MORE THAN PINK Walk®, and provide safer ways for the vulnerable breast cancer community to participate in programs such as the Northwest Metastatic Breast Cancer Conference. KPS remains committed to its core mission of supporting individuals and families affected by breast cancer and continuing to deliver vital, life-saving interventions, public health support and much-needed research.

About Susan G. Komen® Puget Sound

Susan G. Komen® is the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization, working to save lives and end breast cancer forever. Komen has an unmatched, comprehensive 360-degree approach to fighting this disease across all fronts and supporting millions of people in the U.S. and in countries worldwide. We advocate for patients, drive research breakthroughs, improve access to high-quality care, offer direct patient support and empower people with trustworthy information. Born out of a promise between two sisters, Susan G. Komen remains committed to supporting those affected by breast cancer today, while tirelessly searching for tomorrow's cures. Komen Puget Sound, the fourth largest Susan G. Komen® Affiliate in the United States, helps fuel research, advocate for patients and support people facing breast cancer locally through a variety of direct patient-centered services and by collaborating with area providers to remove barriers and connect people to needed care across 16 counties. For more information, visit www.komenpugetsound.org or follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/KomenPugetSound), Twitter (@KomenPugetSound) or Instagram (instagram.com/komenpugetsound)

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