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INDIANA DISABILITY RIGHTS NAMES POLLY ARIS STAMATOPOULOS AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services (IPAS) Commission has named Polly Aris Stamatopoulos as the Interim Executive Director of Indiana Disability Rights (IDR), effective July 15, 2026.

As Interim Executive Director, Stamatopoulos will lead IDR during the Commission's search for a permanent Executive Director, ensuring continuity of services, organizational stability, and strong stewardship of IDR's mission, which is to protect and promote the rights of Hoosiers with disabilities.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Polly Aris Stamatopoulos as Interim Executive Director of Indiana Disability Rights," said Jalyn Radzinski, Chair of the IPAS Commission. "Polly brings an exceptional combination of national Protection and Advocacy experience, organizational leadership, and executive transition expertise. Her collaborative leadership style, deep understanding of governance and federal compliance, and commitment to strengthening organizations will provide stability and continuity during this important transition. On behalf of the Commission, I am confident she will serve the agency, its staff, and the disability community with integrity and excellence."

In accepting the appointment, Stamatopoulos emphasized her commitment to supporting Indiana Disability Rights through a thoughtful and collaborative transition.

"Protection and Advocacy organizations play a vital role in protecting the rights, independence, and inclusion of individuals with disabilities," said Stamatopoulos, Interim Executive Director. "It is an honor to serve Indiana Disability Rights during this important transition. My priority is to provide steady leadership, support our dedicated staff and Commission, and ensure IDR remains strong and focused on our mission. I look forward

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to listening, learning, and working alongside our partners to continue advancing the rights and opportunities of Hoosiers with disabilities."

Stamatopoulos is a nationally respected nonprofit executive and organizational strategist with more than 30 years of leadership experience in mission-driven organizations. For eight years at the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), she partnered with Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agencies nationwide to strengthen governance, fiscal management, strategic planning, organizational development, executive leadership, board relations, and federal grant compliance.

Stamatopoulos has partnered with executive directors, boards, and leadership teams to navigate organizational change, strengthen operations, and guide successful leadership transitions. Additionally, during her tenure at NDRN, she helped secure more than \$25 million in contracts, grants, and philanthropic support while providing technical assistance to P&As nationwide.

The IPAS Commission will conduct a formal search process to identify and appoint a permanent Executive Director. Additional updates regarding that process will be announced later.

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The Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services (IPAS) Commission oversees the work of Indiana Disability Rights. Indiana Disability Rights (IDR) is the designated Protection and Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program (CAP) for the State of Indiana. IDR's mission is to uphold, promote, and advance the rights of individuals with disabilities through empowerment and advocacy to achieve a more equitable society.

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