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ADAM SUOMALA SELECTED AS MINNESOTA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON AGING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

[ARDEN HILLS, MN, April 2, 2020] — The Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging Board of Directors has named Adam Suomala the President and Executive Director of the Council which supports positive systems change and policy for older Minnesotans, their caregivers, and aging services professionals.

Suomala has 20 years' service and experience at LeadingAge Minnesota, a member of the Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging. Most recently he served as the Vice President of Membership and Strategic Affiliations.

Suomala has a BA in Political Science from the University of Minnesota and a Masters of Public Affairs from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

As President and Executive Director, Suomala will lead the 34-member collaborative organization in its strategic priorities of promoting a positive narrative for aging and Age-Friendly Minnesota as well as championing diversity, equity and inclusion in our communities.

"Minnesota is at an unprecedented time in our state's history, in which all of us will be called on to change attitudes on aging and advance the common good by working together in new, bolder ways," commented Suomala. "You will find this Council championing those efforts."

"We are thrilled that Adam will be joining the Council as our President and Executive Director," said Amanda Vickstrom, Council Board Chair. "His extensive network and knowledge of aging services and the needs of older Minnesotans and their families will strengthen and expand our work in creating an Age-Friendly Minnesota."

The Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging is a champion, thought leader, planner, and educator that advances positive system change for older adults, their families and caregivers. The organization is focused on creating communities and systems that support aging with dignity and a spirit of well-being in Minnesota.