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Jamie O. Bosket Named President and CEO of Virginia Historical Society

Richmond, VA — Today, the board of trustees of the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) announced the appointment of Jamie O. Bosket as the next President and CEO of the VHS. The announcement comes after an exhaustive six-month national search led by the executive committee of the VHS board.

Bosket is currently the Vice President for Guest Experience at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, the most visited historic site of its kind in the nation. Over nearly ten years he has served in a number of increasingly complex executive positions, driving positive and lasting change. Bosket holds an M.A. in Museum Studies from the George Washington University and an undergraduate degree in history from the State University of New York at Geneseo. He also serves on the board of the Virginia Association of Museums, representing Northern Virginia, and on the board of the Alexandria Historical Society.

In announcing Bosket’s appointment, board chairman John R. (Jack) Nelson said, “We are excited by the vision and energy that Jamie will bring to the VHS. His work at Mount Vernon to re-imagine the guest experience and to create innovative revenue-generating programs will serve us well as we work to strengthen the VHS financial base. The board of trustees was particularly impressed by his exceptional leadership qualities.”

On accepting the position Bosket acknowledged his long admiration for the work of the VHS and its dedicated staff. “The VHS is nationally known for its rich collections and ongoing effort to share the important story of Virginia – a story I am deeply passionate about telling. I am eager to join this remarkable team, and to support the mission of such a worthy institution.”

Bosket’s appointment will begin on February 27, 2017.

The Virginia Historical Society (VHS)—a privately funded nonprofit organization—collects, preserves, and interprets the Commonwealth’s history, linking past with present to inspire future generations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the library. For more information about the VHS call (804) 358-4901, visit vahistorical.org, or connect with the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

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