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WOMEN IN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION, INC. Appoints Lynda R. Williams to the Executive Board of Directors

(Arlington, VA) The Women in Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., (WIFLE) is pleased to announce that Lynda R. Williams – a proactive voice and transformational leader in the field of law enforcement – has been appointed to the Executive Board of Directors for the Women in Federal Law Enforcement or WIFLE. As a current Professor of the Practice in Criminal Justice Administration at her alma mater -- Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), WIFLE's Founder Margaret M. Moore and current President Catherine W. Sanz believe that Ms. Williams will bring her depth of experiential knowledge and work with us to enhance opportunities for women in Federal law enforcement to excel in their chosen profession.

Professor Williams is joining the WIFLE Board alongside our outstanding law enforcement career professionals Amy Jo Lyons, Vice President of Global Security for Bristol, Myers, Squibb and retired Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Director; Elizabeth Casey, retired United States Secret Service (USSS) and Transportation Security Administration; Dorene Erhard, retired Transportation Security Administration Chief of Staff; Margaret Moore, retired Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Deputy Assistant Director, past Director of National Center for Women and Policing and Chair of WIFLE Foundation Board; and Sheree Mixell, retired ATF Special Agent in Charge and Chair of Women in Federal Law Enforcement, Inc. Board.

WIFLE is the only organization whose purposeful agenda is to create multiple opportunities for women to exceed their expectations in the field of law enforcement. Established in 1978 as the Interagency Committee on Women in Federal Law Enforcement (ICWIFLE), the continued of goals of these non-profit organizational entities (WIFLE Foundation, Inc., and WIFLE, Inc.), are to examine the recruitment, retention and promotion processes of women while working to strengthen the achievement of gender equity and inclusiveness at all levels.

Throughout her distinguished 29-year career, Ms. Williams has been an advocate for inclusive diversity who made it a priority to identify systemic or attitudinal barriers that inhibited progress. Prior to joining the faculty of Middle Tennessee State University, Ms. Williams led an accomplished career as a veteran of the United States Secret Service from 1988 until her retirement in 2017. She began her tenure with the Secret Service as a Uniformed Division Officer assigned to the White House Branch. After three years as an Officer, she was selected as a Special Agent who was assigned to the Washington Field Office before progressing to the Vice Presidential Protective Division during the Clinton Administration – to work executive protection for Vice President Al Gore.

Ms. Williams continued to rise through the ranks of the Secret Service accepting position of greater responsibility. In 2003, she became the first African American female appointed to serve as a supervisory

in the agency's Washington Field Office; in 2008, Ms. Williams was promoted as the Country Attaché in Pretoria, South Africa; in 2013, she rose to the supervisory position as the Special Agent in Charge of the Recruitment Division and championed the most robust recruiting and hiring efforts in the history of the Secret Service. In May 2015, Ms. Williams was appointed to the ranks of the Senior Executive Service as the Deputy Assistant Director/Chief Security Officer in the Office of Human Resources.

As a change agent, Ms. Williams believes in community service and works diligently to support the professional development of tomorrow's leaders through her active engagement in the following organizations: Served as the 43rd National President of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), remains a long-standing member of the Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Ms. Williams serves as a newly appointed board member for Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.), and the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). In addition, Ms. Williams has frequently been highlighted as a law enforcement subject matter expert on CNN's new Day, British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), the National Press Club, MSNBC special segments with journalists Ed Gordon, Roland Martin, and former Arkansas Governor and Talk Show Host Mike Huckabee as a keynote speaker in leadership and crisis management forums.

As the newest member of WIFLE's Board of Directors, Ms. Williams will serve as a featured speaker, facilitator, and moderator at the our organization's Annual Leadership Training on August 8-11, 2022, in Phoenix, Arizona. The theme of this year's Leadership Training is: Women in Law Enforcement: Disciplined, Determined, and Destined for Excellence. The WIFLE Foundation, Inc., and WIFLE, Inc., look forward to establishing an even stronger foundational platform for success with the exceptional support of Ms. Lynda R. Williams.

Ms. Williams states, "Being a part of WIFLE's Executive Board is truly an honor. I have truly benefited from my affiliation with WIFLE -- from my beginning as a Uniformed Officer through my progression to the upper echelon of executive leadership in the U.S. Secret Service. To whom much is given, much is required. It is through a myriad of experiences, positions, and exposure that I wish to give back to those who are following in our footsteps. The ultimate goal is to ensure that we -- federal women in this noble profession -- receive our proper acknowledgement in the field of law enforcement."

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