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The Arc of San Diego Announces New President & CEO

Transition in Leadership to Continue Legacy of Success for Local Non-profit

SAN DIEGO, CALIF – The Arc of San Diego’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Anthony J. DeSalis, Esq. as the agency’s new President & CEO. DeSalis will assume leadership upon the retirement of current President & CEO David W. Schneider on August 1, 2017.

“Anthony has a strong commitment to our organization, our staff, and those we serve. He has been a key player at The Arc of San Diego for many years and we can be assured of a smooth transition as he is well prepared to lead our organization,” said The Arc of San Diego Board Chair Doug Hoehn. “As a result of his knowledge and compassion, our programs and services have grown tremendously over the years.”



DeSalis joined The Arc of San Diego more than 35 years ago. In 2001 he became the Chief Operations Officer responsible for all of the programs and services provided by The Arc of San Diego throughout San Diego County. Prior to this, he served as Senior Director of Operations for the organization.

DeSalis is a graduate of National University School of Law (San Diego) where he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence. He was recognized for excellence in the areas of Law Review, Executive Notes and Comments Director. In 1992, Mr. DeSalis was admitted to the California Bar association (Employment and Business Law Sections).

“The Arc of San Diego has an incredible impact on our community and the individuals with disabilities that we serve. I look forward to much future growth for our organization as we continue to empower people with disabilities while increasing our presence in the community,” said DeSalis.

DeSalis is replacing David W. Schneider who will be retiring as President & CEO at the end of July. Schneider, has currently served as President & CEO since 2010. Previously, he held the position from 1995 to 2001.

“We thank David W. Schneider for his exceptional leadership to our organization,” said The Arc of San Diego Board Chair Doug Hoehn. “We are greatly appreciative of his many years of service and wish him well on his retirement.”

About The Arc of San Diego

As one of the largest, most comprehensive service providers for people with disabilities in San Diego County, The Arc of San Diego serves over 2,500 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, and Down syndrome each year. For more information on The Arc of San Diego, please visit www.arc-sd.com.

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