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Port Arthur EDC Announces Krystle Villarreal Muller as New CEO

Port Arthur, Texas – The Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation (PAEDC) is proud to announce the appointment of Krystle Villarreal Muller as its new Chief Executive Officer. The Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation appointment was unanimously approved by the Port Arthur City Council on May 5, marking a historic milestone as she becomes the organization's sixth CEO since its inception in 1997.

A lifelong resident of Port Arthur and a proud graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Muller is truly a hometown leader with a deep-rooted passion for her community. She began her career with the PAEDC in 2008 as an Administrative Professional and has steadily risen through the ranks over the past 17 years. Her tenure includes key roles as Employment and Training Specialist, Contract Compliance Manager, Operations Manager, and Deputy Director.

"Krystle's journey with the organization reflects her unwavering commitment to Port Arthur," said PAEDC leadership.

As she steps into her new role, Muller is focused on reenergizing the PAEDC while strengthening transparency, communication, and engagement with the Port Arthur community. She plans to build upon existing initiatives and lead with a forward-thinking vision that balances economic growth with quality of life.

Under her leadership, the PAEDC will continue its mission to attract meaningful and sustainable businesses that create jobs and strengthen the local economy. Strategic priorities include supporting the region's strong foundation in oil and gas, expanding opportunities in the maritime and shipping industries, and enhancing quality of life and place-based projects to help retain local talent.

"I am honored and excited to officially step into this role," said Muller. "As a hometown girl, this work is personal to me. I look forward to continuing as a catalyst for growth and a stronger future for Port Arthur."

The PAEDC remains committed to driving job creation, supporting workforce development, and making strategic investments that position Port Arthur for long-term success.

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