



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Adirondack Experience Board of Trustees Launches Search for New Executive Director Ahead of David M. Kahn's Planned 2026 Retirement

Blue Mountain Lake, NY – With the end of a very full 2025 summer season approaching, the Adirondack Experience (ADKX) Board of Trustees is planning ahead by developing a smooth transition process for a new Executive Director. David M. Kahn, the current Executive Director, informed the board of his intention to retire in 2026. Knowing his plans in advance allows the Board to develop an orderly transition process and assures David's capable leadership of the organization in the coming months. The Board of Trustees are in the very early planning stage of the search process and are confident that with David's continued leadership throughout this transition period the institution will continue to thrive.

"Over his fourteen years of service, David has had a tremendous impact on the Adirondack Experience including spearheading new exhibitions, renovating existing buildings, hiring and developing capable staff, supporting the robust school outreach programs, filling packed events calendars, and reaching out to members and donors," said Anne Donovan Bodnar, Adirondack Experience Board Chair. "We look forward to celebrating these and many more of David's accomplishments over the next year."

Kahn is the eighth Executive Director in ADKX's history. Prior to joining ADKX, he held leadership roles at institutions including the Brooklyn Historical Society, Connecticut Historical Society, and Louisiana State Museum. He has served on numerous national and state cultural boards, grant panels, and advisory committees.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: *Nancy Reardon, immediate past Chair of the ADKX Board of Trustees, is currently available for comment. Current Board Chair Anne Donovan Bodnar will be available for comment the week of August 25. All media inquiries should be directed to Tara Murphy, who can facilitate connections with board representatives.*