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**LEADINGAGE NEW YORK SELECTS SEBRINA BARRETT AS
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

LeadingAge New York, an advocacy voice in Albany representing mission-driven providers offering services to older adults and others living in independent, assisted and long-term care communities statewide, announced the selection of Sebrina Barrett as its incoming president and chief executive officer.

Barrett takes the helm of the 350-member organization following the retirement of James Clyne, Jr.

Barrett served as Executive Director of the Association of Community Living (ACL), a statewide organization of not-for-profit agencies providing housing and rehabilitation services to 48,000 people with serious and persistent mental illness. A recent highlight of her tenure was an ACL initiative that secured \$43 million to address rising property costs in residential programs, and an additional \$10 million to ensure that providers' homes are mobility friendly for aging residents.

Prior to joining ACL, Barrett served for nine years as the executive director of The Missouri Bar, and from 2006 to 2011, she was the senior director of public affairs and administrative services at the New York State Bar Association.

Barrett received her Juris Doctor from Southern Illinois University School of Law and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri where she studied agricultural journalism.

"I am incredibly honored by the opportunity to be the next President and CEO of LeadingAge New York," Barrett said. "I became familiar with the organization when advocating for support for older adults with mental illness. I am excited to draw upon my non-profit experience and join the dedicated, compassionate group of leaders working to provide high-quality services to help older adults thrive in their communities throughout New York State. The population of older New Yorkers who need services is rising, at a time when the workforce to serve them is shrinking, making the need for strong advocacy for enhanced resources to support older adults more crucial than ever before. I look forward to working with New York's stakeholders and policy-makers to ensure the future for older adults in New York is a priority."

Pat Tursi, CEO of Elizabeth Seton Children's Center and Chair of the Board for LeadingAge New York said, "We are excited to have recruited an experienced non-profit leader with a passion for serving the older adults and individuals living in New York State who depend on the quality services that LeadingAge New York members provide every day."

Barrett's first day in her new role with LeadingAge New York is January 21, 2025.

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For more than 60 years, LeadingAge New York has set an advocacy agenda for not-for-profit, and government sponsored nursing homes, senior housing, adult care facilities, retirement communities, and other settings serving older adults.