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MIDCOAST HUMANE APPOINTS FIRST PRESIDENT

*Optimizing Operations and Securing New Facilities
Are Top Priorities for New Executive*

BRUNSWICK, ME, December 03, 2019 – The Board of Directors of Midcoast Humane, a well-established nonprofit providing animal welfare services to 41 municipalities in the state of Maine, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mary P. Sundeen as its first President since commencing operations in 1950.

Cristen Graham, Chair of the Board of Directors of Midcoast Humane commented, “Over the past four months the board of directors has been focused on finding the right executive to lead our organization into the future. I am delighted to tell you we’ve found her. Mary is an experienced, nonprofit leader who has helped prior organizations she has served to reimagine their potential, implement best practices and achieve financial sustainability. We look forward to working with Mary and to the further growth and success of Midcoast Humane under her leadership.”

“Midcoast Humane is undergoing critical restructuring as it enters its 70th year of service to the communities, people and animals of midcoast Maine,” stated Mary P. Sundeen, President. “Key objectives over the next year are strengthening infrastructure, expanding services and community partnerships, replacing several aging facilities, and reallocating assets and personnel to create a clear path to success and sustainability for decades to come. I am very pleased to join the team at Midcoast Humane and am

honored to support their vital work of caring for almost 4,000 homeless animals each year.”

Ms. Sundeen has 30 years of experience in for-profit and non-profit management, corporate communications, and investor relations chiefly within the healthcare and biopharmaceutical industries. Prior to joining Midcoast Humane, she served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Communications for DisposeRx, Inc.; President of the HealthWell Foundation, recognized by *Forbes* as the 12th Most Efficient Charity in the United States; and as President and Chief Executive Officer of a non-profit Maryland-based hospice. She is a lifelong volunteer and animal advocate.

About Midcoast Humane

Brunswick Animal Shelter was founded in 1950 by a group of Brunswick citizens concerned with the welfare of the area’s stray animals. The modest accommodation was operated and maintained by volunteers in an old barn not far from where the shelter currently stands at 30 Range Road. In 1965, the Brunswick Animal Shelter was dissolved and replaced by the *Brunswick Area Humane Society* which was incorporated as a non-profit. Known for decades as Coastal Humane Society, the nonprofit took over operations for Lincoln County Animal Shelter in Edgecomb, Maine in July 2015, and officially merged operations with that shelter in October 2018. The two organizations were rebranded as Midcoast Humane which now serves 41 municipalities in the state.

For more information, to make a donation, or to see dogs, cats, puppies and kittens available for adoption, please visit www.midcoasthumane.org or call 207-725-5051.

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