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INVER GROVE HEIGHTS NAMES NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Candidate formerly with City of Bloomington

[INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, Minn. August 2, 2021] –The City of Inver Grove Heights announced today that Kristine Wilson has been hired to lead staff members as the city administrator of Inver Grove Heights (IGH). Wilson, currently the assistant city manager for Bloomington, Minn., will assume the role that IGH Community Development Director Heather Rand has held on an interim basis since February.

“It’s been an honor to lead staff and work closely with the City Council during this transitional time for the city, and I am pleased to be passing the baton to someone with as much leadership experience as Kris. IGH has many important projects advancing in the next several years, and I know that she has the skills to guide their success. I look forward to this exciting new chapter for the city and our staff members,” said Rand.

Inver Grove Heights City Council partnered with executive search firm Baker Tilly to recruit a broad and diverse pool of applicants for the position. Wilson was chosen from a group of 29 candidates after an extensive screening and interview process led by Councilmembers, with input from city department heads. City Council officially approved the hire at a special meeting Monday evening, August 2.

“Inver Grove Heights is growing, and City Council recognized the need for a seasoned, engaged leader to meet the challenges and opportunities our city is facing. After an extensive search, we unanimously agreed that Kris Wilson is the right fit for the job of city administrator. We have confidence in her abilities and look forward to working with her,” added Mayor Tom Bartholomew.

Wilson joins the City of Inver Grove Heights with extensive experience in municipal government, including over five years of service with the City of Bloomington, where she helped develop and implement a five-year strategic plan for the state’s fifth-largest city, and over 10 years of service with the City of Shakopee, during a time of significant residential and commercial growth.

Wilson, who has a collaborative leadership style, added, “I am excited to join the City of Inver Grove Heights at a time that presents significant opportunity for the city. I will look to engage staff

members, elected officials and residents throughout the community to create collaborative solutions to the challenges facing Inver Grove Heights and to forge an effective and successful path forward.”

Wilson resides in the Twin Cities with her husband and two daughters. She holds a bachelor's degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and a master's degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. Her first day at the City of Inver Grove Heights is September 1, 2021.

About IGH: Located southeast of the Twin Cities in Dakota County, Minn., a ten-minute drive from downtown St. Paul, the City of Inver Grove Heights was founded in 1965 and is now home to more than 35,000 residents. The city features an extensive parks and trails system, a busy community center, and miles of Mississippi riverbank. A mix of housing and commercial development has driven steady growth in recent years. An important regional industrial hub, Inver Grove Heights is expected to grow to 50,000 people by 2040. Find out more at www.ighmn.gov.

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