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Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Announces New President/CEO: Danielle MW Fitz-Hugh

(Petersburg, Virginia – September 8, 2011) The Petersburg Chamber of Commerce today announced it has selected Danielle Fitz-Hugh as its President/CEO. Mrs. Fitz-Hugh will be responsible for leading the organization in continued growth in the business community support a strong business climate in the city, develop a comprehensive and effective marketing and fund development, and be a positive advocate for business in the city and at the state level.

Mrs. Fitz-Hugh brings with her a wealth of experience from her previous positions including her most recent position as Vice President of the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Fitz-Hugh currently serves on the boards of the Helen Project International, Advisory Boards at National College, Charlottesville Albemarle Technical Education Center, the Charlottesville-Winneba Ghana Sister City Delegation, Trustee with Union Baptist Church as well as service on the Usher Board. She is a Fluvanna County native, a graduate of Piedmont Virginia Community College and Averett University with a BA in Business Administration. Mrs. Fitz-Hugh currently resides in Fluvanna County with her three children: Mercedes, Alexander and William and her husband George Fitz-Hugh.

Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman William H. Talley, V, of William H. Talley & Son, Inc. stated, "Our Chamber is delighted to announce that Danielle Fitz-Hugh has been selected as our new Chamber President & CEO. Danielle has demonstrated a record of achievement. She knows that member service – building business and building community – is the foundation for a successful enterprise, a successful Chamber and a successful community. We are pleased to have Danielle and her talents join us at this exciting time for our Chamber and community. Welcome to Petersburg!"

Charlottesville Regional Chamber President Timothy Hulbert said, "Our Chamber congratulates the Petersburg Chamber for their excellent selection and our colleague and friend Danielle as she becomes the Petersburg Chamber's new leader. Danielle has been an outstanding member of our Chamber team – a real 'go-to' player, who embodies the spirit and energy of our Chamber's member service mission. She is universally respected and liked and we will miss her as she embarks on this new venture."

"The mission of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce is to establish itself as the primary resource for business in Petersburg by fostering business growth, educating its members and the community, and advocating legislation to influence public policy."

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