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WUSA9 Promotes Caridad Hernandez to News Content Director

Washington – WUSA9, TEGNA's CBS affiliate serving Virginia, Washington, and Maryland, announced today that it has promoted Caridad Hernandez to news content director. Hernandez will oversee the day-to-day operations of the news department reporting to vice president and station manager Michael Valentine.

Hernandez currently serves as the assistant news director at WUSA9, a role she's held for the last two years, leading the station's day-to-day editorial coverage and production of the station's dayside and evening newscasts. Hernandez also led several recent specials, including the *March on Washington*, and *1619: The First Africans and the Making of America*.

"We are thrilled to promote Cari to this new role leading our entire newsroom," said Michael Valentine. "Her leadership style fits perfectly with our station's values. She has already had a tremendous impact in her three years at WUSA9, and we are very fortunate to have her on our team."

"I am excited and honored to continue to lead the team at WUSA9 in this new role," added Hernandez. I look forward to continuing to work with an excellent group of journalists who bring out the best in each other and work diligently to tell stories that make an impact in the DC Metro area and beyond."

Hernandez is a seven-time Emmy award-winning executive producer. In January 2019, she and her team at CBS4 Miami were awarded an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University award for their documentary *The Everglades: Where Politics, Money and Race Collide*. In addition to her role in Miami, Hernandez has been a producer at WCAU-NBC10 in Philadelphia and at CNN in Atlanta.

Hernandez is a graduate of Florida International University (FIU) with a degree in Broadcast Journalism.

She currently serves on the board of Urgent Inc. and gives back by volunteering with the Asian American Journalist Association where she co-facilitates the Executive Leadership Program for emerging media leaders. She has also previously served as a broadcast teacher for high school journalism students and as a mentor/instructor for the Poynter Institute. She is the proud mother of 24-year old daughter, Kaela.

About WUSA

WUSA9 is the TEGNA-owned CBS affiliate serving Washington. WUSA9 broadcasts more than 30 hours of locally produced newscasts each week and provides viewers across the region with 24/7 news, weather and information through its digital platforms and apps. The station has been honored with numerous Emmy awards, as well as Peabody, Edward R. Murrow, NABJ Salute to Excellence, and Gracie Awards. Learn more at WUSA9.com.

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