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## George Bedwick Elected Chairman, John Mizner Elected Vice Chairman

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This morning the Independent Regulatory Review Commission elected Commissioner George Bedwick as its Chairman. Bedwick has served as the Commission's Vice Chairman since 2009. John Mizner was elected as Vice Chairman today to serve a two-year term together with Bedwick. Mizner has served as the Commission's Chairman since January 2014. After the election, IRRC's Commissioners commended Mizner on his service to the Commission as Chairman. "The position of Chairman is a significant responsibility and John has performed it in a highly professional fashion," stated Commissioner Murray Ufberg. "We are grateful for the leadership that John has provided," he continued.

Following the meeting, Bedwick stated, "It is an honor to be chosen to serve as the next Chair of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. The Commission has the important mission of reviewing Pennsylvania's regulations and their potential impact on the citizens, families, and businesses of our state. I am committed to ensuring that we continue to carefully consider each regulatory proposal presented to us to make certain that it is in the public interest."

Bedwick has served as a Commissioner since January 2009 when he was appointed by House Speaker Keith R. McCall. Bedwick now serves on the Commission as the appointee of The Honorable Frank Dermody, Democratic Leader.

Bedwick retired from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 2007 after 30 years of service. During his tenure with the House of Representatives, Bedwick served as Legislative Director for the Majority Leader and Legislative Counsel to the Minority and Majority Whip. He is also a former board member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority. Bedwick is a graduate of King's College and Dickinson Law School.

Mizner has served as a Commissioner since 1995 when he was appointed by Governor Thomas J. Ridge. Mizner now serves on the Commission as the

appointee of The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati III, President Pro Tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate.

Mizner is an attorney with the Mizner Law Firm. He specializes in business litigation and administrative law.

Mizner is a graduate of St. Vincent College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He lives with his family in Erie, Pennsylvania.

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission provides oversight and review of all proposed and existing rules and regulations issued by all departments, boards, commissions, agencies or other authorities of the Commonwealth, excluding the Legislature, Fish and Boat Commission, the Game Commission, and any court, political subdivision, or municipal or local authority. IRRC also acts as a clearinghouse for complaints, comments and other input regarding existing, proposed, and final-form regulations.

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