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FCC COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

Commissioner Mignon L. Clyburn has appointed Chanelle Hardy as Chief of Staff and Media Legal Advisor effective May 1, 2015. Ms. Hardy recently served as senior vice president for Policy at the National Urban League and Executive Director of the National Urban League Washington Bureau, reporting directly to President and CEO Marc Morial, former Mayor of New Orleans and President of the US Conference of Mayors. Prior to her leadership role at the National Urban League, Hardy served as Counsel, then Chief of Staff, to former US Congressman Artur Davis (D-AL), member of the Ways and Means and Judiciary Committees.

Previously, she worked as a Staff Attorney at the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection; and as Fellow, then Legislative Counsel for Consumers Union, where she focused on telecommunications policy with noted consumer advocate Gene Kimmelman. Ms. Hardy earlier served as a member of the Teach for America Corps, teaching in Washington, DC public schools. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Howard University School of Law.

Clyburn said, "Chanelle Hardy is a deeply committed public servant, who brings significant experience in policy analysis, advocacy, strategic partnerships and media analytics to my office. She has been recognized for her strategic vision and effective coalition building over the years, and has worked effectively with organizations from every sector of society on important economic and social policy issues."

Ms. Hardy launched the Urban League Affiliate Policy Task Forces, a coalition that formalized the engagement of local affiliates in national, state and local policy work; and established the Urban Solutions Council to leverage partnerships and explore policy alignment with corporate partners - particularly within the telecommunications industry. Additionally, she was the Editor-in-Chief of the State of Black America report, Director of the Annual Policy Conference and Fly-In, and Director of Project Advocate, the National Urban League's non-partisan civic and voter engagement initiative.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to work for a leader of Commissioner Clyburn's caliber," said Ms. Hardy. "As the first woman Chair of the Commission, and the first African American woman appointed to this role, Commissioner Clyburn has been effective in shaping communications policy so that all Americans can share in the great potential of this thriving sector. I look forward to joining her team and working with her to promote economic growth, access and opportunity."

Hardy replaces Adonis Hoffman who resigned to launch a global think tank on business leadership.

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