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MEDIA RELEASE

VOA Oregon CEO Kay D. Toran named "Woman of Achievement"

The Oregon Commission for Women Announces Four Recipients of the Annual Oregon Women of Achievement Awards

Portland, OR, March 10, 2016: The Oregon Commission for Women presented the 2015 Women of Achievement Award to Kay D. Toran, President and Chief Executive Officer of VOA Oregon, and three other key community leaders, in a ceremony March 9th at the State Capitol. The award recognizes women in Oregon for leadership and success in their areas of expertise, promoting the status of women in society, reflecting a commitment to equity and diversity, and serving as exemplary role models.

Since 1999, Kay D. Toran has served as the President/CEO of VOA Oregon, providing the leadership and strategic direction for this major human services agency. VOA Oregon, through an integrated medical/social services model, is providing treatment, developmental and preventions services to some of the most vulnerable children, families, single adults and elderly in the community.

Toran's career has included positions within the government and academic sectors. Her generous volunteer service includes board membership on Albina Community Bank, the University of Portland Board of Regents and the Oregon Community Foundation. She is known for her mentorship and guidance of young professionals, particularly women, whose careers are on the ascent. Those she has supported speak of her as an outstanding visionary leader who builds strong collaborative relationships which promote diversity within the community.

"I am honored to be a recipient of this important award, along with Jan Campbell, Donna Maxey and Gwendolyn Trice, and thank the state of Oregon for recognizing the critical role of women in improving, advancing and enriching the community that is our great state. The work of the Oregon Commission for Women is so vital to the development of role models for young women today."

VOA Oregon *Our Mission: To change lives by promoting self-determination, building strong communities and standing for social justice.* From at-risk youth to victims of domestic violence, recovering addicts and the frail elderly, VOA Oregon provides a range of supportive and empowering services to our area's most vulnerable populations - and works with over 19,000 individuals in the greater Portland area to rebuild their lives and reach their full potential to. We are passionate about finding innovative solutions to our

community's most intractable social problems. Our comprehensive programs focus on three main areas: children and family, public safety/substance abuse treatment, and senior services.

The Oregon Commission for Women was legislatively established in 1983 to work for women's equality. The commission does this by advocating for women in the community, providing information on women to the governor and state legislature, serving as a link for women to state agencies, and providing services to individual women in Oregon.

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