Northwestern Mutual Vice President Kimberley Goode named as a PRWeek 2017 Hall of Femme Honoree

MILWAUKEE, March 13, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- PRWeek, a leading PR and communications publication, announced this week that it has selected Kimberley Goode, vice president of communications and corporate affairs for Northwestern Mutual, as a 2017 Hall of Femme Honoree. This distinction honors women who have set the gold standard both in their organization and within the communications industry.

"In an industry dominated by women, the PRWeek Hall of Femme and Champions of PR celebrate a powerful group of women who through talent and tenacity achieved amazing career milestones, worked tirelessly to make a difference in the world, and helped pave the way for future generations of women. They are inspired, fearless, and unstoppable," said Bernadette Casey, executive editor of PRWeek.

Goode is one of nine 2017 Hall of Femme Honorees who will be featured in the April issue of PRWeek. She is recognized for her leadership and accomplishments in elevating the practice of public relations, striving for creative innovation, and inspiring and mentoring the next generation of women leaders.

"We are so proud of Kimberley for her recognition as an exceptional leader and role model in the communications industry and at Northwestern Mutual," said Jo Eisenhart, senior vice president of human resources at Northwestern Mutual. "Kimberley is a powerful example of our core values in action through her leadership and mentorship to her team and colleagues, and her dedication to serving her community."

Goode, who joined Northwestern Mutual inMarch 2008, is responsible for advancing the company's internal and external communications strategy. She has more than 25 years of experience in corporate communications with several global companies in diverse industries, including top brands such as Kellogg's, Prudential, American Express and Allstate. She was a 2016 recipient of *Profiles in Diversity Journal's* Women Worth Watching Award, and was named one of the 25 Influential Black Women in Business by *The Network Journal* in 2014. She was honored as one of *Savoy* magazine's Top 100 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America as well as one of *Savoy's* Top Influential Women in Corporate America in 2012.

A graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Goode is an active member of the Milwaukee Urban League, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, the Arthur W. Page Society, and the Executive Leadership Council, the nation's premier leadership organization of the most senior African-American corporate executives in Fortune 500 companies. Goode also serves as a member of the Northwestern Mutual Foundation Board, which works to find cures for childhood cancer, The Links, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and has served on the National Executive Board of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., an organization committed to developing youth leaders through the power of parenting and programming.

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