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## **STEWART MCLAURIN APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

(SIMI VALLEY, Calif.) – The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation has announced the appointment of Stewart McLaurin as the Executive Director of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration. In this newly created role, Mr. McLaurin will work on behalf of the Foundation to plan and execute the efforts surrounding the centennial of Ronald Reagan’s birth on February 6, 2011 as well as the related national and international events throughout 2011. For more information on the centennial, please visit [www.reagancentennial.com](http://www.reagancentennial.com).

“The Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration will honor the legacy of our nation’s fortieth president, promoting his principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride,” said Frederick J. Ryan, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. “Stewart’s experience in strategic planning and managing large national campaigns will serve to achieve the Foundation’s goals for the Centennial well beyond 2011.”

Prior to his appointment at the Reagan Foundation, Mr. McLaurin has served in senior management positions with Edison International, The Motion Picture Association of America, and Georgetown University. In these positions he provided senior strategic counsel, managed major public relations outreach campaigns, oversaw large national events, and created, launched and lead national outreach programs. From 1996 to 2001, Mr. McLaurin was chief-of-staff to Elizabeth Dole for the American Red Cross, for the “Elizabeth Dole for President” campaign and for the Office of Elizabeth Dole. In this role, he served as key advisor for organization priorities, strategic planning and initiatives and policy development. He also managed her role in a national primary campaign including strategy, policy development, scheduling, fundraising and media.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the promotion of the legacy of Ronald Reagan and his timeless principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy, and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center and The Air Force One Pavilion. Located in Simi Valley, California the Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 40,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America’s 40th President.

[www.reaganfoundation.org](http://www.reaganfoundation.org).

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