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## **MCEDC Statement on the Passing of Marriott International President and CEO Arne M. Sorenson**

**Rockville, MD.** – Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) Board Chair Robert G. Brewer and President & CEO Benjamin H. Wu made the following joint statement on the announcement of the passing of Marriott CEO Arne M. Sorenson.

*MCEDC extends our deepest condolences to the Sorenson family and the Marriott corporate family on the passing of Arne M. Sorenson. In his role as Marriott's President and CEO, Mr. Sorenson was a visionary who led with intelligence and empathy, whether he was overseeing the landmark acquisition of Starwood Hotels & Resorts or responding with compassion to the impact of the coronavirus on the hospitality industry and the global community in a much-shared video message early in the pandemic.*

*Mr. Sorenson was not only a giant in the hospitality field, but also a respected and valued member of our local business community. When Marriott chose to expand its headquarters, the company reaffirmed its commitment to stay and grow here in Montgomery County, Maryland. Mr. Sorenson's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, environmental sustainability and human trafficking awareness reflected the values of Montgomery County and our community.*

*Most importantly, Mr. Sorenson was a beloved father, husband, friend and colleague. We are grateful we had the opportunity to work with him, and we grieve alongside his family, friends and many colleagues at Marriott.*