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CAPITALIZE ALBANY CORPORATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER: UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY PRESIDENT DR.ROBERT JONES

Albany, NY – Capitalize Albany Corporation officially welcomes University at Albany President, Dr. Robert Jones, as the newest member of the Capitalize Albany Corporation board. Dr. Jones was unanimously voted in by the Capitalize Albany Corporation board at their meeting on April 23rd.

“I speak on behalf of the board when I say we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Jones to the Capitalize Albany Corporation board. We look forward to utilizing his expertise and knowledge as we continue to fulfill our mission of economic development, business retention, and community building and engagement here in the City of Albany” said Capitalize Albany Corporation President, Mike Yevoli, “Although being in the Capital Region for only a few months, his involvement in the communities of the City of Albany and the Capital Region has been outstanding. Dr. Jones will be a tremendous asset to our board and organization and we look forward to the positive results that will come from this partnership.”

Dr.Jones is well known in the communities where he previously worked for his high level of community involvement as well as for being an advocate for city planning and development. He has carried both philosophies to his new home in Albany, where he recently hosted a series of campus conversations to advance the University at Albany’s progress as a community-engaged research university. He is also one of Downtown Albany’s newest residents. Additionally, he currently serves as Regional Council Co-Chair for the Capital Region Economic Development Council alongside Albany Medical Center President James J.Barba.

A native of Dawson, Georgia, Dr. Jones has more than three decades of higher education leadership experience as well as academic expertise spanning plant physiology and urban and international development. He assumed the presidency of the University at Albany in January after a 34-year career at the University of Minnesota, where he began as a professor of agronomy and plant genetics and later served in key leadership positions. He earned a doctorate in crop physiology from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He is an internationally recognized authority on plant physiology and has published numerous scientific papers, manuscripts and abstracts. During his career, he has trained many students who have gone on to leading careers in higher education and the private and not-for-profit sectors.

Dr. Jones is a fellow of both the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America. He has been a visiting professor and featured speaker in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa, and from 1984 to 1994 served as an academic and scientific consultant for Archbishop Desmond Tutu's South African Education Program. In 2010, he was awarded a University of Minnesota endowed chair in urban and international development; he was also named a recipient of the Michael P. Malone International Leadership Award by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU).

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Capitalize Albany Corporation is a registered 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization which implements programs and resources that create, retain, and attract businesses in the City of Albany. The Corporation achieves this through its facilitation of transformational development projects identified as priorities by planning efforts, such as the "Capitalize Albany" economic development strategy.