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RESOLVE Appoints Dr. Juliana Birkhoff VP for Programs and Practice

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 20, 2009) – RESOLVE today announced the appointment of Juliana Birkhoff as its Vice President for Programs and Practice—a new position, effective April 1. Dr. Birkhoff has 22 years of experience as a scholar, mediator, facilitator, mentor, and trainer. Dr. Birkhoff will work closely with Steve D'Esposito, RESOLVE's new president to develop new program initiatives to better support RESOLVE's partners and colleagues as they work to identify solutions to critical environmental, natural resource, and health challenges. She will also lead an effort to deepen and strengthen the use of innovative collaborative problem-solving tools on the part of government, civil society, and business.

"Dr. Birkhoff brings unique experience to RESOLVE at a moment when society needs a laser-like focus on solutions to environmental and health challenges" said Mr. D'Esposito.

"Returning to RESOLVE at this moment creates an opportunity for me to strengthen the link between RESOLVE's history and reputation as a leader in consensus building with innovative new programs and tools" said Ms. Birkhoff.

Juliana Birkhoff began working for RESOLVE in December 1998 as the Director of RESOLVE's Center for Research and Education. During her tenure, she worked with RESOLVE's board, president, and staff with a focus on reflective practice, research and evaluation, and capacity building to support consensus building and collaborative action. Juliana left RESOLVE to finish her doctorate in conflict analysis and resolution from George Mason University and returned as a Senior Mediator in 2003.

Dr. Birkhoff most recently worked at the Consensus Building Institute (CBI). At CBI, Juliana Birkhoff worked with experienced CBI colleagues on regional planning, historic preservation, forestry, environmental health, government interagency coordination and capacity building, in the public policy collaboration and consensus building arena.

"We think this is a terrific opportunity for Juliana to carry on her professional work," said Patrick Field. We look forward to finding ways to partner with Juliana and RESOLVE in the future as Steve takes the organization in new and exciting directions."

Steve D'Esposito
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