SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance Chooses Andy Fulghum as Chief Operating Officer

(Hampton, South Carolina –May 2026) The SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance (SCA) has chosen Andy Fulghum as Chief Operating Officer following a comprehensive national search led by the SCA Board of Directors and Search Committee. Fulghum will transition into the role of President & CEO later this year upon the retirement of longtime leader Danny Black. The Chason Group, an executive search firm specializing in economic development organizations, coordinated the executive search process for the SCA.

Fulghum brings nearly 30 years of executive leadership experience spanning local government management, regional collaboration, and economic development. He joins SCA at a pivotal time as the seven-county region continues to build on its strong momentum in growth, investment, and strategic positioning along the I-95 corridor.

He previously served as County Administrator for Jasper County, South Carolina, the fastest-growing county in the United States. States. Fulghum held the position since 2004. In this role, Fulghum oversaw a broad portfolio of government operations, including infrastructure, economic development, public safety, and financial management. He led more than 400 employees and managed a $68 million general fund budget. A disciplined focus on strategic planning, regional partnership, and long-term economic competitiveness defined his tenure.

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Throughout his career, Fulghum has demonstrated the ability to lead complex, multi-jurisdictional initiatives and build consensus among diverse stakeholders. His work includes advancing regional growth strategies, expanding industrial development opportunities, securing major infrastructure investments, and strengthening collaboration across public and private sectors. He has also played a key role in advancing port-related initiatives and supporting significant capital investment projects that have enhanced the region's economic position.

"Andy distinguished himself throughout this process with his depth of leadership experience, collaborative approach, and strong understanding of the region," said Steve Murdaugh, Chair of the SCA Board of Directors. "He brings a unique combination of strategic vision, operational expertise, and relationship-driven leadership. The

Board is confident he is the right leader to build on SCA's strong legacy and guide the organization into its next phase of growth and impact."

"I am honored to be selected as Chief Operating Officer of the SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance and to step into the President & CEO role later this year," said Fulghum. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside Danny Black during this transition and build on the strong foundation he has established. SCA has earned a reputation as a trusted regional partner that brings communities together to create opportunity and improve quality of life. I look forward to working with the Board, staff, and stakeholders across the region to continue advancing economic growth and investment."

As Chief Operating Officer—and subsequently as President & CEO—Fulghum will lead the organization's strategic direction and daily operations while strengthening partnerships across the seven-county region. He will play a central role in advancing initiatives that drive job creation, capital investment, and long-term economic competitiveness, while serving as a key spokesperson and advocate for the region.

Founded in 1996, the SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance is a nonprofit regional economic development organization representing seven counties in southern South Carolina: Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties. The organization works to attract investment, support business growth, and enhance quality of life through strong partnerships with industry, government, and community leaders.

Fulghum holds a Master of Public Administration from Shippensburg University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Salisbury University. He is a Credentialed Manager (ICMA-CM) and has been actively involved in numerous regional and statewide organizations, including advising the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors.