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## **CelticMKE Names Interim Executive Director**

**MILWAUKEE** (June 29, 2017) – CelticMKE, Home of Milwaukee Irish Fest, has officially named Catherine Ward as its interim executive director. Ward has been serving in the role since October 2016 and is responsible for running the day-to-day operation of the organization, along with support from the board of directors, a dedicated paid staff and many volunteers.

"Catherine has been with CelticMKE since the very beginning and has served on the board of directors and as past president," said Linda Clark Klibowitz, president of the board of directors for CelticMKE. "She is uniquely qualified to lead our organization until a permanent executive director has been appointed."

CelticMKE has hired an outside firm to conduct a national search for a permanent executive director. Information about the search, including a detailed job description, skill requirements and contact information will be posted on <u>www.CelticMKE.com</u> and other sources this July. Interviews will begin after the completion of Milwaukee Irish Fest, which runs August 17 - 20, 2017 at Henry Maier Festival Park in downtown Milwaukee.

"It's truly an honor to serve the CelticMKE organization, especially as we prepare for Milwaukee Irish Fest in August," Ward stated. "We have an incredible team of staff members, board members and volunteers who are busy planning another extraordinary festival."

To learn more about CelticMKE and its search for an executive director, please contact the CelticMKE Center at (414) 476-3378, or visit <u>CelticMKE.com</u>.

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## About CelticMKE

Through original programing and events, CelticMKE aims to preserve, promote and celebrate all aspects of Irish, Irish American and Celtic cultures, and to instill an appreciation of these cultures in current and future generations. CelticMKE produces the world-renowned Milwaukee Irish Fest, August 17 - 20, 2017, along with a variety of Celtic-themed classes, lectures, concerts and cultural heritage projects.

The CelticMKE Center is located in Wauwatosa, Wis.

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