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The Board of Directors of the Women's Resource Centre (WRC) is delighted to announce that Tina Laws will become the new Executive Director effective May 1st, 2021.

A Board spokesperson shared, 'Ms. Laws joins the WRC at an exciting and critical time. There are significant projects underway to help fortify the organisation to meet evolving needs heightened by the pandemic. We are grateful that Ms. Law's will begin her training and leadership succession in partnership with our outgoing Executive Director, Elaine Butterfield, to ensure a well-supported and galvanising transition.'

Ms. Laws has served in various community service positions, including as a Corrections and Probation Officer, Case Manager, and an Education Therapist with The Department of Education. Ms. Laws has also served in two overseas domestic abuse shelters for women and children. She is recognised for her work with women from all walks of life as a relationship coach and is a dedicated advocate for women's rights and gender equality. Ms. Laws holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a graduate degree in Criminal Justice.

Ms. Laws states, "I am thrilled to have been chosen as the new Executive Director for such an important and impactful organisation. I am encouraged and confident that every experience leading up to this point in my life has prepared me to serve the wonderful women in our community. I feel blessed to serve in this capacity and look forward to collaborating with our current and new partners, Board members, Staff and Volunteers. I am certain that together, we will work hard to enhance the lives of the women and families in Bermuda."

Ms Laws will begin her tenure with an immersive job shadow as the departing Executive Director, Elaine Butterfield, retires on July 30th, 2021.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Ms. Butterfield, "Elaine's exemplary leadership has helped fortify the organisation to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We simply could not be more grateful for how she has stewarded the WRC's critical work. We are delighted to have Ms. Butterfield involved with this transition and for her continuing role with the Transformation Living Centre initiative."

The Board added, 'The WRC is fortunate to engage in collaborative service provision with a diverse network of clients, volunteers, donors, service agencies, Government, and businesses

from across the island. We are confident the WRC community will welcome Ms. Laws as she takes the reigns!

The Women's Resource Centre aims to be the leading resource and voice for women in Bermuda and for Bermuda to be a community free of inequality and sexism, where women are emotionally and physically healthy, safe, confident and able to realise their potential. Please call 295-3882 for more information or visit www.wrcbermuda.com.

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