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### **Summa Health Names Lorraine Washington Senior VP Human Resources**

**AKRON, Ohio**, July 21, 2015 – Summa Health has appointed Lorraine Weaver Washington as its new Senior Vice President of Human Resources. Washington, who was selected after an extensive national search, begins in her role August 10 and will be responsible for all aspects of Human Resources, including the critical alignment between HR and operations strategy.

A skilled strategist and dynamic leader, Washington comes to Summa from St. Dominic Health Services and St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, MS, where she served as Vice President of Human Resources for the past four years. Prior to St. Dominic's, Washington worked for Mercy Medical Center in Canton as Vice President of Human Resources and Support Services. In addition to her healthcare experience, Washington's career has spanned several industries in multiple states, including executive-level human resources work for companies such as Corporate HR Solutions, LLC, Cox Communications and McDonald's Corporation. Early in her career, she worked for the U.S. Army as both a journalist and personnel administration specialist.

"We are thrilled to welcome Lorraine to the Summa Health family," said Dr. Thomas Malone, President and CEO. "Her breadth and depth of experience will be a great asset to our organization. We're glad she's coming back to Northeast Ohio."

Washington has a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. She holds several licensures and certifications and has been very involved in the communities in which she has lived. Washington has two children and will reside in Chagrin Falls after relocating from Mississippi.

#### **About Summa Health**

Summa Health is one of the largest integrated healthcare delivery systems in Ohio and is one of only two health systems in northeast Ohio accredited by the American College of Radiation. Encompassing a network of hospitals, community health centers, a health plan, a physician-hospital organization, a multi-specialty physician organization, research and the Summa Foundation, Summa is nationally renowned for excellence in patient care and for exceptional approaches to healthcare delivery. Summa's clinical services are consistently recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (Magnet status), *U.S. News and World Report*, Thomson Reuters and The Leapfrog Group. Summa also is a founding partner of the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron. For more information, visit [www.summahealth.org](http://www.summahealth.org) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/summahealth](http://www.facebook.com/summahealth) and Twitter, [www.twitter.com/summahealth](http://www.twitter.com/summahealth).

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