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Central Insurance Elects Evan Purmort President

Van Wert, OHIO – The Central Insurance Companies’ Board of Directors has elected Evan P. Purmort as President succeeding outgoing President F.W. “Bill” Purmort III effective May 13, 2020. Bill is retiring after 43 years with the company, but will remain Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Evan is currently Central’s Chief Marketing Officer, and is responsible for regional operations, agency partner and industry relationships, and business development strategy. He began his career with Central Insurance immediately after graduating from Miami University and has held the positions of commercial underwriter, marketing manager, commercial underwriting supervisor, personal underwriting manager, and Vice President of the Northeast Regional Office. He has served Central in its Atlanta, Dallas, Boston, and Van Wert, OH offices. Additionally, he has served on Central’s Board of Directors since 2017 and has recently joined the Trusted Choice Board of Directors.

Bill Purmort began his career at Central in 1979 and held positions in underwriting, marketing, and management before becoming President and Chairman of the Board in 1994. Bill is a trustee for the Property & Liability Resource Bureau, a past board member for Trusted Choice and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, and past trustee for the Ohio Insurance Institute and the Griffith Foundation.

The Central Mutual Insurance Company was founded in Van Wert, Ohio in 1876 and has evolved into the Central Insurance Companies, a successful property and casualty group providing insurance for more than 350,000 automobiles, homes, and businesses in 24 states. Central is based in Van Wert and operates regional offices in Boston, Atlanta, Dallas, and Van Wert. The Central group of companies has combined assets of over \$1.7 billion. Central’s A.M. Best rating is A (Excellent).

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