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### **R.I. DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Attorney Tolulope Kevin Olasanoye Selected for Leadership & Political Experience; Will help Guide Party in Pivotal Election Cycle*

**WARWICK, R.I.** – Joseph M. McNamara, Rhode Island Democratic Party Chair, announced today the appointment of Providence attorney Tolulope Kevin Olasanoye (OH-LAH-SAH-NOYE-YAY) as the Democratic Party’s new Executive Director. Citing his demonstrated executive and legal leadership in government and politics, McNamara said Olasanoye has the “proven skill set” to effectively serve the state Party in the election cycles ahead.

“Kevin is a gifted and highly respected attorney who has a deep appreciation of what’s at stake in the Democratic Party, and for this state and nation,” said McNamara. “He comes to us with experience in government – particularly with service to women, minorities and people with disabilities- and has recruited and trained volunteers in national and statewide campaigns, including Connecticut’s *Obama for America*, and was a staff assistant to U.S. Senator Jack Reed in his Washington, D.C. office. Kevin will be a true asset in building our Party for the pivotal elections ahead,” he said.

“I am really excited about the opportunity to lead the party into the next election cycle and to be responsible for putting the building blocks together to be successful going forward,” said Olasanoye.

Olasanoye is the first African American Executive Director for the Rhode Island Democratic Party, and will assume the position on June 7. He most recently served as Associate Director of Purchasing for the City of Providence, under Mayor Jorge Elorza, and as Assistant City Solicitor/Americans with Disabilities Coordinator. He is a graduate of Roger Williams University School of Law (2012,) with a Juris Doctor, and interned under R.I. Superior Court Justice Daniel Procaccini. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History & Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Rhode Island.

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