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**MICHAEL LEAHY, C.P.A., APPOINTED BOARD CHAIRPERSON FOR
FAMILY RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL ENTERPRISES, INC.**



Michael Leahy, C.P.A.

Old Bethpage, NY- Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) is proud to announce the appointment of Michael Leahy, C.P.A., as Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Mr. Leahy is an

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experienced board member and previously served as Vice Chairperson of FREE's Board.

"Michael is a valued member of the FREE family and has been on our board for nine years," said Robert S. Budd, Chief Executive Officer, FREE. "I am thrilled to be working with him as he takes on this new leadership role."

Mr. Leahy is an accomplished business leader and has over 30 years of experience in real estate banking, investing and development. He held key executive positions at Metropolis Management, Continental Bank/Bank of America, Drexel Burnham Lambert and Goldman Sachs & Co.

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), founded in 1977, benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. FREE provides a diverse array of supports and services including: housing; recovery services; transition to work; employment; day, community and family services; respite; crisis services; education and after school support; specialty health services; and advocacy.

FREE also collaborates with a variety of diverse 501(c)(3) nonprofit partners on educational, vocational, rehabilitative and a myriad of other creative initiatives to enhance the local communities and the lives of more than 25,000 people that reside within them. Each of the valued partners of the FREE Network has a unique mission, vision and strategic goals that are aligned in purpose, and embody the spirit of the meaningful work we do every day. For more information, please call 516-870-7000 or visit www.familyres.org.

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