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**SHIPPING ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY PROMOTES
TWO INDUSTRY VETERANS TO EXECUTIVE STAFF**

*Susan Winfree and Thomas Barattini will take on new roles at
Shipping Association of New York and New Jersey*

Edison, NJ – Shipping Association of New York and New Jersey (SANYNJ) has appointed Susan Winfree to Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer to replace Charles (Chuck) Darrell who recently retired after 11 years with SANYNJ and nearly 45 years in the industry. We thank Chuck for his immeasurable contributions to the industry and wish him and his family a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Winfree will be responsible for oversight and coordination of the daily operations associated with the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA) in the Port of New York and New Jersey as well as the Port Police and Guards Union (PPGU). To replace Susan Winfree whose previous position was Vice President, Workforce Development and Corporate Diversity Officer, SANYNJ has also promoted Thomas Barattini to Vice President, Workforce Development and Corporate Diversity Officer. Barattini will oversee, develop and implement recruiting and hiring processes for the Port workforce.

John Nardi, President of SANYNJ stated:

“The Port of New York and New Jersey is at a critical transition period and has the potential to greatly enhance the region’s economy through one of its most important, and growing sectors. Susan and Tom’s strong leadership and experience will help guide our organization and

advance the competitiveness of the Port and they will help ensure the efficiency, safety, quality and diversity of marine cargo operations.”

Susan Winfree joined NYSA in 2010 and served as the Director of Workforce Development and Safety at the NYSA-ILA-PPGU Training Center, located in Port Elizabeth where she was instrumental in restructuring the workforce training programs and increasing safety awareness and education in the Port of New York/New Jersey. In 2013 she was promoted to Vice President, Workforce Development & Corporate Diversity Officer where she spearheaded the hiring of over 1000 longshore workers, including over 700 U.S. military veterans during her tenure.

Prior to NYSA, Winfree worked with Trans Freight Lines followed by Sea-Land Services, where she held positions of Marine Manager and Terminal Operations Manager in the port of Portsmouth, overseeing berth expansion and gate process improvement projects, and Terminal Operations Manager in the ports of Baltimore and Elizabeth. Winfree is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York and holds a Master of Arts from Monmouth University.

Thomas Barattini joined NYSA in May of 2022 as the Director of Workforce Development. Prior to this he was employed at Hapag-Lloyd for over 30 years in various commercial and operational roles, including in his last few years as the Director Procurement, overseeing all Intermodal and Terminal Procurement for North America

Barattini graduated from Hapag-Lloyd’s Agile Executive Leadership program in 2021 and has a B.S in Transportation and an M.B.A. in Executive Management from St. John’s University in New York.

About Shipping Association of New York and New Jersey

Shipping Association of New York and New Jersey (SANYNJ) is a membership organization that represents the terminal operators, ocean carriers, stevedores and marine-related businesses that operate ships, move the cargo, and train and employ the longshore workers in the Port of New York and New Jersey. SANYNJ negotiates the collective bargaining agreement on behalf of its members with the International Longshoremen’s Association and the Port Police & Guards Union. SANYNJ coordinates the hiring and training of the labor that moves cargo through the largest port complex on the East Coast with terminals located on both sides of the Hudson River in New York and New Jersey.