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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
announces a new Library Trustee
Global Strategic Communications Executive and former
Obama Administration Official Clay L. Doherty**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum has announced a new Library Trustee, **Clay L. Doherty** -- a Global Strategic Communications Executive and former Obama Administration official at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The Library Board of Trustees is charged with ensuring FDR's legacy is preserved and accessible to the public for generations to come.

Doherty served as Deputy Director of Public Engagement and then Director of Protocol and Special Events at USAID, the federal agency responsible for administering all non-military foreign aid around the world. He left USAID in July 2016 after six years of public service to launch his own consulting firm working with clients on global stakeholder engagement, public diplomacy, strategic communications and public affairs. Doherty previously served as Senior Vice President of Hollenbeck Associates, a public relations firm based in San Francisco and Palm Springs. Earlier work experience includes service with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Democratic National Committee and four presidential campaigns.

"I am honored and humbled to continue my public service as a member of the Board of Trustees," said Doherty. "Our Nation and the world can be inspired by the legacy of both

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Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt -- leadership at its best when our country was facing its worst. As I begin my service, I take my inspiration from President Roosevelt himself who said, 'never have we had so little time in which to do so much.' I look forward to working with my fellow Trustees in the years ahead, especially as we continue to pay tribute to President Roosevelt's leadership during the 75th anniversary of World War II."

A native of Alameda, California, Doherty is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College where he was a member of the James Madison Public Service Leadership Program that identified and prepared students to give back to their country through public service. As part of the program, Doherty served as a Parliamentary Fellow to the Parliament of Australia, working for the Joint Standing Committee overseeing foreign affairs, defense and trade issues. He earned a Master of Arts in Political Science (Applied Politics) from American University in 2004.

Doherty was a member of the inaugural class of the Corporate International Masters (CIM) Program in 2014, a partnership between Georgetown University, ESADE Business School (Spain) and the Getuilo Vargas Foundation FGV/EBAPE (Brazil). He was awarded three executive master degrees upon graduation: Executive Master in International Business (Georgetown); Corporate Master of Business Administration (MBA) (ESADE); and an Executive Master in Business Management (FGV/EBAPE).

Clay Doherty has had a lifelong passion for public service, presidential history and politics. His interest in the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt stems from his personal connection to World War II, as his late father was a veteran of World War II and a Pearl Harbor Survivor, having served as the chief radioman aboard the *USS Keosanqua*, the duty tug on that fateful day.

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Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.org.

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