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## **VP & Chief Analytics Officer Susan Kent Announces Retirement from Ohio Mutual**

### **Current AVP-Actuarial Analytics Ryan Ward to Assume Position July 3**

BUCYRUS, OH – Ohio Mutual VP & Chief Analytics Officer Susan Kent has announced her plan to retire from the company effective July 3. President & CEO Mark C. Russell announced today that upon Kent's retirement, current AVP-Actuarial Analytics Ryan Ward will assume the role of VP-Actuarial and Product Management for Ohio Mutual.

"Susan Kent's impact on Ohio Mutual extends well beyond her title," Russell said. "Over the past decade, she has been a trusted advisor, thoughtful leader, and steady presence during times of growth and change. She has strengthened our organization through her insight, integrity, and deep commitment to our people and mission. We are grateful for her years of service and the lasting legacy she leaves with Ohio Mutual."

Kent joined Ohio Mutual as VP, Chief Analytics Officer in February 2016 having served previously at Nationwide Insurance and Shelby Insurance Companies. Kent is a graduate of the College of Wooster and earned a Master of Science from the University of Michigan. She is currently volunteering as VP, Casualty for the American Academy of Actuaries and has been nominated to be the next President-Elect. She is a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society (FCAS) and is certified as a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU).

"I have been incredibly fortunate to spend the last decade of my career with an organization that has truly been a great place to work. The culture and the people have made this journey both professionally rewarding and personally meaningful," Kent said. "One of the greatest sources of gratification for me has been the opportunity to build and work alongside such a talented, dedicated team. As I retire, I do so with complete confidence in my successor, Ryan Ward, and in the strength of the team. I know they are well-equipped to navigate whatever lies ahead. I am deeply grateful for the experiences, the relationships, and the many shared successes, and I look forward to cheering Ohio Mutual on in the years to come."

"While Susan's leadership and expertise will be greatly missed, I am confident Ryan Ward is well prepared to build on the strong foundation she helped establish," Russell said. "Ryan brings



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exceptional analytical talent, strategic insight, and a deep understanding of our business. His experience, judgement, and collaborative approach position him well to lead our Analytics team and support Ohio Mutual's continued success."

Ryan returned to Ohio Mutual in 2019 after previously spending 4.5 years with the company in various data reporting and pricing roles and three years at American Modern Insurance Group, where he worked in actuarial and innovation positions. Since returning to Ohio Mutual, he has served in a variety of actuarial leadership roles. Ward is a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society (FCAS) and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA). He earned a Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science from Ohio University in Athens, OH in 2011.

"Susan's impact on the organization has been tremendous. Over the past decade, she grew the analytics function from a small team into one that plays a vital role in shaping key strategic decisions," Ward said. "She has led with thoughtfulness, invested deeply in people, and consistently demonstrated a strong sense of integrity in support of Ohio Mutual's mission and values. I'm grateful for the opportunity I have had to learn from her, and I am honored to carry forward the high standard she has established."

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