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**THE CORDISH COMPANIES' LIVE! CASINO & HOTEL AND THE MD. WASHINGTON
MINORITY COMPANIES ASSOCIATION (MWMCA) ANNOUNCE HONOREES OF THE
4TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY HEROES AWARDS**

**10 Maryland / DC Leaders to be Honored for Contributions to the Community,
including Keynote Speaker, Antonio Freeman, Baltimore-based Super Bowl Champion**

Hanover, MD (February 16, 2017) – The Cordish Companies' Live! Casino & Hotel and the Md. Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA) today announced the honorees of the **4th ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY HEROES AWARDS.**

In celebration of Black History Month, this annual ceremony recognizes leaders throughout Maryland and DC, who continually have a positive impact on their respective communities and/or the citizens they serve. A highlight of the evening's festivities includes keynote speaker Antonio Freeman, NFL Super Bowl champion and Baltimore native.

Honorees of the 2017 Black History Heroes Awards include:

- Joy Bramble – Publisher, The Baltimore Times
- Millie Brown – Founder, A Mother's Cry
- Helen Dale – Strategic Staffing Coordinator, Maryland Transportation Authority
- Lisa Ennis – President, Eccentric's The SPA Sanctuary
- Antonio Freeman – Super Bowl Champion, NFL
- Dr. C. Vernon Gray – President, C. Vernon Gray & Associates
- Isiah "Ike" Leggett – County Executive, Montgomery County, MD
- Sandra (Midge) Matlock-Williams – Manager, Maryland Centers/Center Supervisor, USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore
- Ricky D. Smith, Sr. – Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer, Maryland Aviation Administration/BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport
- Rev. Dr. Willie F. Wilson – Pastor, Union Temple Baptist Church

"This event is a highpoint of the year for the Live! family, as it allows us to bring together some of the most notable influencers, trailblazers, and mentors that are making significant contributions throughout the region," said Robert J. Norton, President, Cordish Global Gaming Group. "These honorees represent an exceptional class of professionals who demonstrate heroic support of our communities, day-in and day-out, and this recognition is a small token of our appreciation for all of their efforts."

"The Cordish Companies and its Live! Casino & Hotel are leaders in diversity and inclusivity, and we are proud to collaborate on this annual event that recognizes the best of the best among our African-American

community across Baltimore and DC,” said Wayne Frazier, President, Md. Washington Minority Companies Association. “We join Live! in congratulating this year’s honorees and look forward to a fun-filled, uplifting evening with everyone involved.”

The Black History Heroes Awards will take place on Thursday, February 23, at Live! Center Stage at Live! Casino & Hotel from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

About Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland

Just announced – the new flagship Live! Hotel, coming 1st Quarter 2018; and the new Live! Lofts, now open. Live! Casino & Hotel is one of the largest commercial casinos in the country, located in the Washington DC/Baltimore corridor, just off I-95, Route 100 and the B/W Parkway at Arundel Mills. Open 24/7, Live! Casino features more than 200 live action table games, including a Poker Room; approximately 4,000 of the latest slot machines; and two High Limit rooms. The property offers world-class dining and entertainment, including Bobby’s Burger Palace, from celebrated chef Bobby Flay; The Cheesecake Factory®; Phillips® Seafood Express; the Zagat-rated #1 steakhouse The Prime Rib®; the multi-station Live! Buffet; Morty’s Delicatessen, a traditional New York-style deli; and Luk Fu, serving authentic Asian cuisine. Two new eateries include 8 at Luk Fu, featuring sushi and sashimi; and En Vivo, with classic varieties of soft tacos and pupusas. A sizzling nightlife, including live entertainment at Rams Head Center Stage and the unique, interactive R Bar, completes the Live! experience. Enjoy secure covered parking with valet service and a free self-park garage with direct elevator access to the casino floor. Live! Hotel will feature 310 luxury guest rooms, along with a lively bar and entertainment scene, a day spa and salon, an event center, and meeting facilities. Live! Lofts boutique hotel is located just minutes from the casino and open while renovations are underway. For reservations, call 443-445-2929. Live! Casino & Hotel is owned and operated by a company that is affiliated with The Cordish Companies. Call 855-5MD-LIVE (855-563-5483); or visit Marylandlivecasino.com or LiveCasino.social. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. For employment opportunities, visit www.jobsatmarylandlivecasino.com.

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