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## **MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOURCES SELECTS NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LEGAL RESOURCES**

DETROIT – December 23, 2016 – Michigan Community Resources announced that it has selected Amanda Gregory as the organization’s new director of Community Legal Resources, starting January 1, 2017.

With over 8 years of legal and public service experience, Gregory spent the last year managing MCR’s Legal Referral Program. Prior to joining MCR, she worked as Director of Street Markets for Detroit’s Eastern Market following nearly 6 years of active duty service with the U.S. Marine Corps as a judge advocate.

Jill Ferrari, CEO of Michigan Community Resources, says, “Amanda brings a rare combination of legal skills and passion for community economic development. Under her leadership, we will expand our presence statewide, develop strategic alliances with sections of the State Bar of Michigan and local bar associations. Her ability to connect our legal work with our other technical areas will increase the quality and impact of the services we provide to our clients.”

Along with her work at MCR, Gregory serves on the Research and Policy Committee of the Detroit Food Policy Counsel, as Vice-chair of the Agricultural Law section of the State Bar of Michigan, and continues to serve in the Marine Corps reserves.

“MCR’s work has such a deep impact on the nonprofits we serve and the struggling communities they support. The legal needs of these nonprofits are often overlooked but an absolutely vital component of fulfilling their missions,” Gregory said. “As a person, I’m so grateful to be part of such a talented and caring team. As a professional, I’m honored to do such impactful work, connecting skilled attorneys with quality pro bono opportunities helping hard-working nonprofits.”

Gregory will focus on expanding MCR’s Community Legal Resources work statewide through partnerships with various organizations in Grand Rapids, Lansing and Kalamazoo. She will also represent MCR at statewide policy and nonprofit capacity building tables.

Michigan Community Resources, with an emphasis on community economic development, supports and empowers nonprofit community organizations that serve low-income individuals and populations across the state. Through the work of their four core competencies, Community Legal Resources, Neighborhood Exchange, Sustainable Community Initiatives, and Neighborhood Economic Development, MCR continuously serves thousands of nonprofits across the state. To learn more about MCR’s vision and work, visit their website at [www.mi-community.org](http://www.mi-community.org).

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