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## **RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND NAMES MARSHALL WESTON JR. PRESIDENT & CEO**

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Columbia, MD - The Restaurant Association of Maryland (RAM) announced during its Winter Board Meeting on January 17th that Marshall Weston, Jr. has been named the Association's President & CEO. Weston has been serving as Interim President & CEO after Paul Hartgen resigned in October 2010.

"The Board of Directors is confident that Marshall will continue helping Maryland restaurants succeed," said Board Chairman Jeff Owens, Chief Financial Officer of the Clyde's Restaurant Group. "Marshall's expertise in the industry and enthusiastic leadership is a great asset to the Restaurant Association of Maryland."

Mr. Weston has been promoted from Executive Vice President of the Restaurant Association of Maryland Education Foundation, where he was responsible for overseeing the educational programs, workforce development, corporate sponsorship and scholarship programs run through the Foundation. As Executive Vice President, Mr. Weston developed and implemented the Foundation's budgets, programs and fundraising while reporting to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Mr. Weston added, "I am very excited about leading RAM into the future. We will be focused on fulfilling our members' needs and ensuring that we are always enhancing the value of our membership."

Mr. Weston received his BS in Public Policy from Pennsylvania State University and worked in the restaurant industry in Pennsylvania and Maryland for 11 years. From 2000 to 2002, he was a legislative fellow in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and also worked for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

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The Restaurant Association of Maryland (RAM) celebrates 75 years serving the restaurant and foodservice by maintaining core principles born out of the first national financial crisis. In 1927 a small group of Baltimore area restaurateurs met to deal with the challenges facing the economy and the foodservice industry. Today, RAM is a 2,000 member strong statewide trade association operated for the purpose of promoting, protecting and improving the foodservice industry in the State of Maryland. Since the very beginning, the Association has been run by restaurateurs and suppliers working not only for the benefit of dues paying members, but also for the restaurant industry as a whole. For more information about the restaurant industry in Maryland please visit our website at [www.marylandrestaurants.com](http://www.marylandrestaurants.com).