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### **American Maritime Congress Announces Appointment of Fair Kim as President**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The American Maritime Congress (AMC), a non-profit organization representing the U.S. maritime industry, is pleased to announce the appointment of Fair Kim as President. Mr. Kim joined AMC and has served as Policy Director since March 2017 after retiring from the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Kim’s appointment as President was effective on December 1, 2021. In this capacity, he oversees efforts to educate the public, policy makers and members of Congress on the critical importance of the United States deep-sea shipping to the Nation’s strategic and economic security.

“Fair Kim has exceptional command of the issues and an impressive U.S. Coast Guard and legal background, making him ideally suited to advance the interests of AMC, the Marine Engineers’ Beneficial Association (MEBA), and its associated employers. I look forward to him taking on today’s opportunities in the maritime industry and leading the way,” said Adam Vokac, AMC Board Chairman and President of MEBA. “We are fortunate to have someone with his depth of experience on maritime issues, coupled with a deep passion for the U.S. Merchant Marine, and Fair will leverage his knowledge and expertise to promote the industry. His extensive seagoing experience, together with his commitment to strengthening the U.S. Merchant Marine to maintain the viability of maritime jobs, will enhance AMC’s effectiveness and its mission to support American mariners and to influence lawmakers and Federal officials – as well as the public at large – with respect to the value of commercial sealift capability as a national defense necessity.”

Mr. Kim enjoys a wealth of maritime experience stemming from a distinguished career of more than 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard. He retired from the Coast Guard in 2016 after serving in afloat operational billets and as a Judge Advocate (JAG). During his career, he deployed throughout the Caribbean, South America, West Africa, the Middle East and Afghanistan. His last operational billet was as the Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Patrol Forces South Asia where he supervised the patrol squadron that provides security to Coalition interests in the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Horn of Africa. In addition, he supervised the Coast Guard detachment that deployed to Forward Operating Bases in Afghanistan to ensure that war materiel was properly loaded into shipping containers before being redeployed by U.S. Transportation Command. In his

final active-duty tour he served as Legislative Liaison and Counsel to the Coast Guard's Office of Congressional Affairs.

Mr. Kim is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and University of Florida School of Law, and is licensed to practice in Florida and Connecticut.

### **About the American Maritime Congress**

Founded in 1977, the American Maritime Congress is a non-profit, non-partisan educational and research organization dedicated to informing the public, the media, and our legislators in Washington on the issues and policies affecting the U.S.-flag merchant marine and maritime industry. For nearly half a century, AMC has delivered its message of "ships and jobs" in our Nation's Capital. Whether on behalf of our ships sailing internationally or for our Jones Act domestic fleet, AMC is a leading advocate for responsible maritime policy, an effective commercially-operating fleet to promote our national and economic security, and a level playing field to maintain jobs and to ensure the success and viability of the U.S.-flag maritime industry. Follow us on social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter) and on our website.

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