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HI-TOR ANIMAL CARE CENTER

NAMES VIVIAN KIGGINS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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POMONA, N.Y. (May 29) – Hi-Tor Animal Care Center, the only animal shelter in Rockland County, today announced the appointment of Vivian Kiggins as its executive director.

Kiggins brings more than 25 years of experience managing animal shelters, most recently as the executive director of the Liberty Humane Society in Jersey City, N.J., and the Bergen County Animal Shelter.

“Vivian has a strong background in shelter management and we’re especially pleased to have someone of her caliber join Hi-Tor as executive director,” said Roberta Bangs, President of Hi-Tor’s Board of Directors. “Vivian has the operational, strategic planning and fundraising experience Hi-Tor will need in the future as we expand and seek to move into a new, modern facility. She will be a very valuable addition to our team.”

Kiggins said she hopes to build upon Hi-Tor’s existing roster events and community outreach programs. “Hi-Tor has an outstanding relationship with the people it serves, but you always can reach more people,” said Kiggins. “I’m looking forward to introducing new programs at Hi-Tor to increase the number of adoptions and to improve our fundraising.”

Kiggins started her career at the Bronx Zoo as a mammal keeper. She was the director of the Yonkers Animal Shelter in Yonkers, N.Y., and was a program coordinator with St. Hubert’s Animal Shelter in Madison, N.J., and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation in Morristown, N.J. She received a bachelor’s degree in zoology from Colorado State University.

“Vivian has extremely diverse management experience operating and supporting animal shelters,” said Bangs. “This is an exciting time for Hi-Tor.”

For more information about Hi-Tor Animal Care Center, how to help, or to view the shelter’s “wish list,” please visit www.HiTor.org.

Founded in 1973, Hi-Tor Animal Care Center Inc. is a privately incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and improving animal life, promoting education through animal care and providing a safe environment for all living creatures. The facility is the only animal care and control shelter in Rockland County and takes in approximately 2,500 animals annually. Hi-Tor is committed to acquiring a state-of-the-art facility on a dedicated campus, to providing the highest standard of care to sheltered animals and to promoting responsible pet ownership through education. The shelter has a small paid staff, with a volunteer Board of Directors and a team of volunteers.