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## ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., TO KEYNOTE POTOMAC RIVERKEEPER NETWORK 2018 GALA

*President of Waterkeeper Alliance and Clean Water Champion to Reflect on the Legacy of the Waterkeeper Movement and the Work of Potomac Riverkeeper Network*

**Washington, D.C. – July 25** – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., President of Waterkeeper Alliance and leading environmental advocate will be the keynote speaker at Potomac Riverkeeper Network Law & Water Gala, Nancy Stoner, President of Potomac Riverkeeper Network (PRKN), announced today. “Bobby is both a tireless and legendary figure in the struggle to protect our right to a clean environment and for social justice around the world. We are truly honored and thrilled that he will give his perspectives on how we all can work to achieve a future of clean water and environmental justice here in the Potomac River watershed and throughout the world,” said Stoner.

On November 1, PRKN’s fourth annual [Law & Water Gala](#) will celebrate the work by PRKN to enforce clean water laws that protect the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Law & Water brings together more than 250 supporters and partners for an evening to honor those who protect and defend our Nation’s River and the watershed that provides clean drinking water to 6 million people.

Potomac Riverkeeper Network was established in 2000 to protect and restore the 14,000 square mile Potomac River watershed through enforcement of the federal Clean Water Act and other federal and state environmental laws. The Network’s three Riverkeepers enforce the law, engage local communities, advocate for new laws to ensure safe drinking water, protect healthy river habitats, and enhance public use and enjoyment of these treasured rivers. PRKN’s central value is stewardship, born of the caveat “We all live downstream.” Its vision looks to a day when the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers are clean enough to swim, fish, and drink – providing a healthy, safe resource for the people, plants, and animals that depend on it – from headwaters to the Bay.

Potomac Riverkeeper Network is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, one of the fastest growing environmental organizations in the world. The Waterkeeper movement began on New York’s Hudson River in 1966, when commercial and recreational fishermen united to save the river. Hudson Riverkeeper’s early success spurred the rapid growth of Waterkeepers across the globe.

“As staunch advocates for our right to clean water, we can imagine no better speaker for our Law & Water Gala than Robert F. Kennedy Jr.,” Stoner noted. “He is an American environmental attorney, author, activist, clean technology entrepreneur and radio host who cut his legal teeth on tackling the legacy of environmental degradation on the Hudson River and launched the Riverkeeper Movement. Kennedy currently serves as Senior Attorney and President of Waterkeeper Alliance, an international advocacy organization focused on grassroots efforts to preserve and protect waterways worldwide.”

Concluded Stoner, “Law & Water is a wonderful opportunity for our friends and supporters to gather for a night of fun and celebration. Bobby Kennedy is simply an outstanding individual to energize us for the work that must be done in the months and years ahead. We’re honored to have him.”

### **About Potomac Riverkeeper Network**

Potomac Riverkeeper Network is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization with three regional Waterkeeper branches: Potomac Riverkeeper, Upper Potomac Riverkeeper, and Shenandoah Riverkeeper. Our mission is to protect the public's right to clean water in our rivers and streams. We stop pollution to promote safe drinking water, protect healthy habitats, and enhance public use and enjoyment.

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