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## John Estrem Elected Board President of ARRM

*Hammer Residences, Inc. CEO elected to serve as next Board President for disability services association*



SAINT PAUL, MINN. – Today, ARRM, an association representing over 200 direct care providers and supporting service providers for people with disabilities in Minnesota, announced John Estrem, CEO of Hammer Residences, Inc., has been elected to serve as the next President of the Board of Directors for the organization.

Estrem has served as CEO of Hammer for five years, and is in his second term on the ARRM Board of Directors, most recently serving as Board Treasurer. Estrem brings more than 20 years of non-profit and social service experience to ARRM's leadership team, serving as Executive Director of Episcopal Community Services and CEO of Catholic Charities of Minneapolis and St. Paul before joining Hammer. He takes over from John Kehr, Regional Special Projects Director at Dungarvin, Inc.

"I am humbled to have been elected to this important role by my fellow Board Members and am excited to take on a new leadership role in the association that represents our industry," said Estrem. "We are at a critical juncture in Minnesota to ensure that support services for people with disabilities continue to be able to empower people to live their best lives, and I look forward to seeing that ARRM remains a leader in this advocacy."

Estrem is a leading advocate for people with disabilities and the organizations and staff that provide supportive services. He has been a key voice for the This Is Medicaid campaign, a group educating the public and lawmakers about the importance of Medicaid, and has been a strong representative at the State Capitol on a range of social service issues.

### **About ARRM (The Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota)**

ARRM is a nonprofit association of more than 200 Minnesotan providers, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of community-based services that support people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. ARRM members support people with developmental, intellectual and physical disabilities including autism, brain injury and mental health needs. People served live in their own homes, adult foster care settings, and other community settings. Founded in 1970, ARRM continues to lead positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities. To learn more, visit [arrm.org](http://arrm.org), and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).