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## Prevent Blindness Names Megan Molony, Senior Vice President, Chief Merchandising and Managed Care Officer, of National Vision Inc., as the 2023 Person of Vision Award Recipient

**CHICAGO** (**Sept. 15**, **2022**) – <u>Prevent Blindness</u>, the nation's leading eye health and safety nonprofit organization, announced today that the <u>2023 Person of Vision Award</u> will be presented to Megan Molony, senior vice president, chief merchandising and managed care officer, of <u>National Vision Inc</u>. The award presentation event will take place on March 16, 2023, at 583 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y., in conjunction with <u>Vision Expo East</u>. All proceeds from the event help fund the vision and eye health programs of Prevent Blindness.

The Prevent Blindness Person of Vision Award recognizes an individual, corporation and/or organization whose inspired outlook champions healthy vision and its importance for a healthy life. Molony was chosen as the recipient of the Person of Vision Award for years of dedicated commitment to healthy vision, access to affordable eyecare, and industry mentorship.

Megan Molony has been a part of the optical industry for more than 25 years. She has served in various key leadership roles across several different functional areas for some of the largest global optical companies, including both Luxottica and Essilor, as well as National Vision. As National Vision's chief merchandising and managed care officer, Molony has strategic oversight of product, pricing, visual merchandising, and managed care payor relationships/contracts. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University.

In addition to her role at National Vision, Molony has been very active in supporting the overall industry. She is currently a board member of the <u>Optical Women's Association</u>, and the <u>National Association of Vision Care Plans (NAVCP)</u>. She has also served to develop the vision industry's future leaders by serving as a mentor for <u>The Vision Council's Emerging Optical Leaders</u> program, and is a past board member for the global nonprofit, <u>OneSight</u> from the EssilorLuxottica Foundation.

National Vision is the second largest optical retail company in the United States by sales, with more than 1,300 stores in 44 states and Puerto Rico. With a mission of helping people by making quality eye care and eyewear more affordable and accessible, the company operates five retail brands: America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, Eyeglass World, Vision Centers inside select Walmart stores, and Vista Optical inside select Fred Meyer stores and on select military bases, as well as several

e-commerce websites, offering a variety of products and services for customers' eye care needs.

"We are thrilled to honor Megan Molony not only for her work to help the public see clearly, but also for her commitment to developing the next generation of leaders in the vision industry," said Jeff Todd, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. "We invite everyone to come celebrate with us at our 2023 Person of Vision event to honor Ms. Molony and help raise funds to support our sight-saving mission!"

"It is certainly an honor to be in the company of the many great visionaries that have received this award in the past," said Ms. Molony. "I am incredibly lucky to be able to spend a career in an industry with so many visionaries, caregivers and thought leaders doing amazing work to truly improve and change lives. Many thanks to Prevent Blindness for the generous recognition."

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, Person of Vision Award committee membership, and reservations, please contact Sue Corbett at (312) 363-6014 or <a href="mailto:scorbett@preventblindness.org">scorbett@preventblindness.org</a> or visit <a href="https://preventblindness.org/personofvision">https://preventblindness.org/personofvision</a>.

## **About Prevent Blindness**

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness touches the lives of millions of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, certified vision screening and training, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the American public. Together with a network of affiliates, Prevent Blindness is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, visit us at preventblindness.org, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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