PROJECT HOPE NAMES NEW PRESIDENT, CEO

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Thomas A. Kenyon

MILLWOOD — Dr. Thomas A. Kenyon is the new president and CEO of Project HOPE, the international health and humanitarian organization's board of directors announced Friday.

Kenyon will assume the post on Oct. 1, replacing Dr. John P. Howe III, who retired in March.

Kenyon comes to Project HOPE, headquartered in Millwood in Clarke County, after two decades with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Most recently, he served as director of the CDC's Center for Global Health. He was a key member of the U.S. government team that coordinated the White House's mobilization against Ebola, one of the most devastating public health emergencies in recent years. He is also a veteran of the worldwide fight against HIV/AIDs.

Richard Clark, chairman of the Project HOPE board, said Kenyon is "one of the world's most accomplished and respected experts in public health."

Clark said Kenyon has been "a leader in tackling some of the severest health crises of our time and has a deep understanding of how to run a global organization, working with a wide range of people of varying cultures and needs."

Kenyon also has experience working with Project HOPE, Clark said. “Indeed, for many reasons, we believe he is the ideal person to forge an even stronger record of humanitarian service for HOPE, building on our solid foundation of dedicated people, medical capabilities and strong partnerships with governments, corporations, foundations and individual donors.”

Kenyon, who is currently traveling in Africa, said he is honored and privileged to lead Project HOPE, an organization with a “long history of success,” he said.

“I will be committed to ensuring it remains a unique and vital force in global health,” he said.

Kenyon has a bachelor of science degree in zoology from Indiana University and a master’s degree in public health, with a focus on international health, from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Founded in 1958, Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) is dedicated to providing lasting solutions to global health crises, with the mission of helping people so they can help themselves. Famous for operating the world’s first peacetime hospital ship, Project HOPE now conducts land-based medical training and health education in more than 30 countries.