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Washington REIT Announces Public Offering Of 4,000,000 Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest

WASHINGTON, April 28, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Washington REIT (Washington Real Estate Investment Trust – NYSE: WRE) today announced that it has commenced an underwritten public offering of 4,000,000 common shares pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company has also granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 600,000 additional shares of beneficial interest.

Washington REIT intends to use the net proceeds from the offering initially to repay borrowings outstanding under its revolving credit facility and subsequently to fund its announced acquisition and for other general corporate purposes.

J.P. Morgan, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC are joint book-running managers for the offering. Copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus for the offering may be obtained from: J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, NY 11717, or by telephone at (866) 803-9204; from Goldman, Sachs & Co., Attn: Prospectus Department, 200 West Street, New York, NY 10282, telephone: (866) 471-2526, facsimile: (212) 902-9316, e-mail: prospectus-ny@ny.email.gs.com; and from Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Attention: Prospectus Department, 180 Varick Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10014.

This announcement shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state or other jurisdiction.

Washington REIT is a self-administered, self-managed, equity real estate investment trust investing in income-producing properties in the greater Washington metro region. Washington REIT owns a diversified portfolio of 54 properties totaling approximately 7 million square feet of commercial space and 3,258 residential units, and land held for development. These 54 properties consist of 25 office properties, 16 retail centers and 13 multifamily properties. Washington REIT shares are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: WRE).

Certain statements in this press release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, the potential for federal government budget reductions, changes in general and local economic and real estate market conditions, the timing and pricing of lease transactions, the

availability and cost of capital, fluctuations in interest rates, tenants' financial conditions, levels of competition, the effect of government regulation, the impact of newly adopted accounting principles, and other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in our filings with the SEC, including our 2015 Form 10-K and subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. We assume no obligation to update or supplement forward-looking statements that become untrue because of subsequent events.

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