

## **PATTERSON COMPANIES RECOGNIZED WITH SPECIAL DISTINCTION ON HONOR ROLL FOR 2016 MINNESOTA CENSUS OF WOMEN IN CORPORATE LEADERSHIP**

April 12, 2017 (ST. PAUL, Minn.) – Patterson Companies (Nasdaq: PDCO) today announced it has been recognized with Special Distinction status on the Honor Roll for the 2016 Minnesota Census of Women in Corporate Leadership, marking the company’s third consecutive placement on the honor roll and first time receiving Special Distinction recognition. The honor roll is produced by St. Catherine University School of Business and Professional Studies and the Minnesota Women’s Economic Roundtable (MWER).

At the Women in Leadership Forum sponsored by *Twin Cities Business* magazine and St. Catherine University, Patterson Companies Chief Human Resources Officer Kelly Baker accepted the award on behalf of the company. “We are proud to be recognized for our achievements in advancing women in leadership,” said Baker, who recently celebrated her first anniversary with the company. “We continue to prioritize creating an inclusive work environment that values, develops and celebrates diversity.”

In the 2016 Census, the number of companies recognized for their efforts to promote women’s leadership on their boards and in their executive offices rose to 19 – the highest in the nine-year history of the Census. Those who have 20 percent or more women corporate directors and 20 percent or more women executive officers receive “Honor Roll” designation. Those with 30 percent or more of both women corporate directors and women executive officers earn “Special Distinction” status.

Patterson joins Target, Christopher & Banks, Best Buy Co. Inc., Electromed Inc. and Select Comfort Corp. in being recognized with Special Distinction.

### **About Patterson Companies Inc.**

Patterson Companies Inc. (Nasdaq: PDCO) is a value-added distributor serving the dental and animal health markets.

#### Dental Market

Patterson Dental provides a virtually complete range of consumable dental products, equipment and software, turnkey digital solutions and value-added services to dentists and dental laboratories throughout North America.

#### Animal Health Market

Patterson Animal Health, formerly Patterson Veterinary, is a leading, full-line distributor in North America and the U.K. of animal health products, services and technologies to both the production-animal and companion-pet markets.

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