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## **Gulf Winds Welcomes Christopher Tenney as Vice President of Cybersecurity**

**Pensacola, Florida (February 17, 2026)** – Gulf Winds Credit Union is excited to announce that Christopher Tenney has joined the senior leadership team as Vice President of Cybersecurity. In this new role, Tenney will oversee all information security operations, manage emerging technology risks, and maintain NCUA regulatory adherence, further securing Gulf Winds financial infrastructure.

With an extensive background in business technology supporting local businesses and leadership as a civilian Information System Security Manager with the United States Navy, Tenney is prepared to effectively manage Gulf Winds Cybersecurity Team and develop a culture of continuous learning and innovation. Through training and coaching that develop higher levels of expertise in team members, Tenny will ensure all Gulf Winds cybersecurity systems are effective, reliable, and enhance member confidence.

“We are excited about Christopher joining our Enterprise Technology team,” said Walt Stepnowski, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer of Gulf Winds Credit Union. “His experience leading teams, fostering innovation, and partnering with others to ensure safe technology adoption will help Gulf Winds create an even safer environment for member data and stay competitive in a rapidly changing environment.”

Tenney holds a Master of Science in Cybersecurity from the University of West Florida and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Technology Security from Pensacola State College, where he works as an Adjunct Professor. Tenney also holds the Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) certification from the International Information System Security Certification Consortium (ISC2).

“It is an honor to join an organization that prioritizes member trust and security,” said Tenney. “I’m looking forward to supporting members with the tools and technology they need to safely succeed financially.”

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**About Gulf Winds Credit Union:**

Since 1954, Gulf Winds Credit Union has offered products and services that *Move Members Forward*. As a full-service financial organization, Gulf Winds provides 12 branch locations, digital banking, nationwide surcharge-free ATMs, and the support of more than 240 knowledgeable employees committed to delivering exceptional service. Gulf Winds is also renowned for its community involvement. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in North Florida, Southern Alabama, and Southern Georgia. Please visit [GoGulfWinds.com](http://GoGulfWinds.com).