## SEASON TWO OF ORIGINAL SCRIPTED SERIES 'CHESAPEAKE SHORES' CATAPULTS HALLMARK CHANNEL AS TOP-RATED AND MOST-WATCHED CABLE NETWORK

## Second Episode of the Season Earned a 2.2 Live+3 Household Rating

**New York, August 18, 2017** – In the second season to-date, Hallmark Channel's original primetime scripted series "Chesapeake Shores" is scoring on Sunday nights, with the network ranking as the #1 cable network in the 9 p.m. time period among HH ratings and Total Viewer delivery.

## Key Nielsen Highlights (L+3)

- The Sunday, August 13, episode averaged a 2.2 HH rating and 2.3 million Total Viewers
- In the 9-10 p.m. time period, the 2<sup>nd</sup> episode debut boosted Hallmark Channel to #2 among HH delivery
- In the second season to-date, "Chesapeake Shores" is averaging a 2.2 HH rating and 2.4 million Total Viewers

Season two of the multi-generational family drama "Chesapeake Shores" follows Abby O'Brien, a high-powered career woman, divorcee and mother to twin daughters, as she adjusts to life back in her hometown of Chesapeake Shores. Abby now balances a budding relationship with her former high school sweetheart, Trace, working for a firm that does business with her uncompromising father Mick and raising two young daughters. While Abby's once-estranged mother, Megan, strives to reestablish relationships with Abby and her siblings, the O'Brien clan primarily looks to their wise grandmother Nell for guidance as they navigate life, love, career and romance. Based on the novels of the same name by New York Times bestselling author Sherryl Woods. Stars **Meghan Ory**, **Jesse Metcalfe**, **Treat Williams**, **Barbara Niven** and **Diane Ladd**.

Source: Nielsen, 8/7-8/13/17, Live+3.

## **ABOUT HALLMARK CHANNEL**

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