**2019 FORTE NAMED BEST SMALL CAR BY MOTORWEEK**

***Forte Named Best All-Around Compact***

* Smart, sporty and exceptionally engineered, says long-running television automobile show
* Excellent value and reliability additional factors

**IRVINE, Calif., February 7, 2018** — Kia Motors America (KMA) is pleased to announce that the 2019 Forte has won a 2019 *MotorWeek* Drivers’ Choice Award for “Best Small Car.”

*“*With the 2019 Forte, Kia has taken an already excellent small car approach and added more space, more technology, and dynamic styling,” says John Davis, creator and host of *MotorWeek*, television's longest running automotive magazine show. “The end result is a great looking, highly affordable car that we think is also the most enjoyable daily driver in its size class."

*MotorWeek* editors conduct upwards of 150 car and truck reviews annually, evaluating vehicles on an array of factors, including: price, features, performance, accommodations, fuel economy, reliability records, and resale value. The Drivers’ Choice awards are based on these thorough evaluations.

“The Forte was all-new for 2019. We built it with the goal of it being the best in its class,” says Orth Hedrick, executive director of Car Planning and Telematics, KMA. “So, it really validates the efforts of the entire Kia team when a body of respected auto experts like *MotorWeek* gives it their top rating.”

Drivers’ Choice Award winners are featured on *Motorweek.org*, and will appear on a special episode #3823 of *MotorWeek*airing on public television stations beginning February 9, and on cable’s MotorTrend Network beginning February 19.

**About Kia Motors America**

Headquartered in Irvine, California, Kia Motors America continues to top quality surveys and is recognized as one of the 100 Best Global Brands and 50 Best Global Green Brands by Interbrand. Kia serves as the "Official Automotive Partner" of the NBA and LPGA and offers a complete range of vehicles sold through a network of nearly 800 dealers in the U.S., including cars and SUVs proudly assembled in West Point, Georgia.\*

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**\* The Sorento and Optima GDI (EX, SX & Limited and certain LX Trims only) are assembled in the United States from U.S. and globally sourced parts**

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