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# Media Release

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### Canandaigua, NY – November 8, 2021

Canandaigua – Today, Ontario County Judge Brian Dennis appointed former Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero to serve as Interim Sheriff for Ontario County through December 31, 2022.

Following the resignation of former Sheriff Kevin Henderson and his Undersheriff, the Ontario County Sheriff's Office has been led by Chief Deputy John Falbo and the rest of the dedicated Command Staff within the department. The Board of Supervisors would like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chief Deputy, the Command Staff, and all of the employees of the Sheriff's Office who have continued to provide critical public safety services under trying conditions during this transition period.

Interim Sheriff Povero worked for 18 years as an employee of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office in different law enforcement capacities prior to his election to Sheriff in 1991. He served as Sheriff until his retirement in 2018.

"We appreciate Sheriff Povero's willingness to come back from retirement to help Ontario County guide the Sheriff's Office through this transition period until the next elected Sheriff takes office in January of 2023. Phil's tremendous experience with the Office as well as with the Board of Supervisors is exactly what the County needs to keep making positive changes and moving the office forward." Said Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Marren

"The past several years have been incredibly challenging for the Ontario County Sheriff's Office and for law enforcement men and women across the state and country. I am thankful that Sheriff Povero has agreed to come back and help serve the people of Ontario County until a new Sheriff is elected. I look forward to working closely with him moving forward to continue the positive strides the office has taken in recent months" added County Administrator Chris DeBolt

"On behalf of Ontario County, the Board of Supervisors, and the employees of the Sheriff's Office, I would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Ontario County Judge Brian Dennis. While the statute did not require it, Judge Dennis conferred with the County and the Sheriff's Office in vetting potential candidates for the role of Interim Sheriff. Judge Dennis was willing to work with the parties involved to select an Interim Sheriff that can work with the County and the Office to continue making progress for the betterment of our community and the organization" added Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Marren.

A swearing in ceremony and press conference will be held at 1pm this afternoon at 74 Ontario St., Canandaigua NY. Interim Sheriff Povero and County Administrator Chris DeBolt will be available to answer questions from the media following the swearing in ceremony.

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