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01-05-11 OC Exec Diana Congratulates Pillmeier on Re-Election as Legislative Chairman

Florida Native Unanimously Elected to Second Term

Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana congratulated Michael R. Pillmeier on his re-election to the position of Chairman of the Orange County Legislature. Mr. Pillmeier was unanimously elected at the January 5 meeting of the Legislature. He took the oath of office at the meeting with wife Marie, daughter Susan Eisma, and three-month old grandson Ronan at his side. County Clerk Donna Benson administered the oath using a Bible that has been a part of the Pillmeier family since 1906.

"Mr. Pillmeier and I enjoyed a positive and productive relationship during his first year as Chairman," said Diana. "I applaud him for his dedication to the responsibilities of his role and his commitment to doing what is right for the residents of Orange County. He has a straightforward, common sense approach that ensures that things get done right," added Diana. "I look forward to another year of working in partnership with Mr. Pillmeier for the good of our great County."



Upon unanimous re-election to the position of Chairman by the Orange County Legislature, Michael R. Pillmeier took the oath of office from County Clerk Donna Benson. He was joined by wife Marie, daughter Susan Eisma, and grandson Ronan.

In his remarks, Chairman Pillmeier recognized his family for their love and encouragement. "It is with the support of my family that I am able to take on the challenges and opportunities that come with being Chairman of the Legislature," said Pillmeier. He also expressed his appreciation to the County Executive and his fellow members of the Legislature for sharing their expertise and commitment to the people of Orange County with him.

Chairman Pillmeier is the 12th Chair of the Orange County Legislature since the County moved from a Board of Supervisors to a legislative form of government in 1970. He represents the 3rd Legislative District which is comprised of the Towns of Minisink, Warwick, and the Villages of Florida, Unionville, and Warwick. Pillmeier has also been a member of the Florida Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years and has served as the department's Fire Chief. He is a member of the Fire Chief's Association and is on the board of the Orange County Soil & Water Conservation District.