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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE MIKE HEIN ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARSHALL BECKMAN.**

Kingston, NY – Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman has announced his intentions to retire. The announcement signals the end of an extraordinary record of service to the people of Ulster County. Marshall has served the citizens of Ulster County for over 31 years!

“I want to thank Marshall for his commitment to the people of Ulster County,” said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. “He has had a long and illustrious career in county government and has played a pivotal role in this administration. Simply put, He has done an excellent job for the citizens of Ulster County and has been instrumental in helping us move through these challenging times towards a brighter future.”

“It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Ulster County as part of County Executive Hein’s reform based administration,” said Deputy Executive Beckman. “I had originally planned on retiring some time ago, but wanted to stay on to participate during this important time. I have considered it the highlight of my career to work in this administration.”

Marshall Beckman has had an unparalleled career in public service. Most recently, Marshall served as the Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services. He was instrumental in establishing a strong record of achievement and reform in a new form of government. His expertise and tireless work effort were major assets to Ulster County during the recent fiscal conditions.

Prior to coming on the County Executive’s staff, Marshall served as Ulster County’s Mental Health Director. During his tenure as Director, Marshall is credited with shepherding the local mental health system toward increased access to wellness and recovery services. He was the recipient of the Mental Health Association’s 2009 Mike Adesso Memorial Award for leadership as well as the recipient of the 2006 New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Inc. President’s award. Marshall has also served on numerous statewide and local boards in leadership positions.

Marshall holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from New York University. He currently resides in Woodstock, N.Y. with his wife Marsha and has two adult sons.

Additionally, County Executive Hein announced that he will appoint Ken Crannell to the position of Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services. Ken was most recently Suffolk County’s Deputy County Executive for Administration.

Before serving in Suffolk County, Ken served as a staff member with the New York State Association of Counties for 16 years. Most recently, he was the organization's Legislative Director. In this capacity, he was responsible for the development and implementation of legislative strategies and is a recognized expert in state budget policy and fiscal impacts upon county governments.

Prior to serving as NYSAC's Legislative Director, Ken served as the organizations Director of Research. He was responsible for the formation of fiscal policy and research relating to state and local finance, real property tax, sales tax and Medicaid and human services.

Ken holds a Masters in Public Administration from Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy and Bachelor of Arts from the State University Center at Albany. He currently resides in New Paltz, N.Y.

“Ken Crannell said, “I have had the opportunity to work side by side with many of the exceptional leaders in New York State and I consider it an honor to now have the opportunity to work for one of the very best minds in County government. County Executive Hein is a true reformer with a impressive statewide reputation and I look forward to joining his team.”