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**Orange County Probation Officer Marie Cain earns NYSPOA's State
Presidential Distinguished Service Award**

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Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus and Department of Probation Director Derek Miller have announced that veteran Probation Officer Marie Cain has been selected as the recipient of the New York State Probation Officers Association's (NYSPOA) prestigious Presidential Distinguished Service Award.

This marks the second year in a row that Orange County's Probation Department has won the award. Veteran County Probation Officer John Galdun earned the honor in 2016.

“On behalf of Orange County, I extend my sincere congratulations to Marie on earning this award,” Neuhaus said. “The honor is well-deserved and is an impressive recognition of Marie and the rest of the County's Probation Department, which contributes to keeping our communities safe. It was my honor to award Marie with the Asset Builder/Outstanding Youth Worker award at the County Executive's Youth Awards in June and it is gratifying to see Marie's hard work and effort on behalf of County residents being recognized.”

Miller added: “Marie Cain is a dedicated professional who consistently goes above and beyond what is required to assist the youth in Orange County and promote

public safety. Probation is grateful for the support County Executive Neuhaus provides us in our pursuit of excellence.”

The Presidential Distinguished Service Award is given to a Probation Officer who has displayed to an outstanding degree the kind of efficient or distinguished service which represents the highest standards and ideals of devoted public service. To qualify, a nominee should have displayed especially good judgment, initiative and competence in his or her discipline. Candidates usually must have at least 10 years of service, although exceptions can be made.

Cain, a Port Jervis resident, has served as a probation officer with Orange County for more than 19 years. She works in the Family Services Unit, working closely with juvenile delinquents and youths, with a focus on juvenile diversion. Juvenile diversion is an intervention strategy that redirects youths away from formal processing in the juvenile justice system, while still holding them accountable for their actions.

“I’m honored to receive this award and it’s a fantastic reflection of the work that our department conducts every day,” Cain said. “We have a fabulous team. I have enjoyed working with youths in Orange County and I mainly just try to listen to them. A lot of times that can go a long way in helping them.”

Cain will be presented with the Presidential Distinguished Service Award at the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) summer training Institute on August 27th in New York City.

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Orange County Probation Officer Marie Cain, recipient of the New York State Probation Officers Association's (NYSPOA) prestigious Presidential Distinguished Service Award, poses with Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus on Thursday, August 3rd.