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County Exec Diana Congratulates Pillmeier on Re-Election as Legislative Chairman *Third Unanimous Vote for Florida Native*

GOSHEN – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana congratulated Michael R. Pillmeier on his re-election to the position of Chairman of the Orange County Legislature at the recent Organizational Meeting of the Legislature. This was Mr. Pillmeier's third unanimous election by his fellow legislators to the County Legislature's leadership role.

"Chairman Pillmeier and I have long enjoyed a positive, productive working relationship and a shared commitment to doing what is right for the residents of Orange County. His no nonsense approach to getting the job done is what's required in the Legislature's top spot as we face the challenges and opportunities ahead of us in 2012," said County Executive Diana. "It's my pleasure to congratulate Chairman Pillmeier on his unanimous re-election; I look forward to working with him during his third term."

Chairman Pillmeier expressed his appreciation to his family for their love, encouragement, and continued support as he works for the good of the County. "It is thanks to my family, especially my wife Marie, that I am able to tackle the duties and responsibilities that come with being Chairman of the Legislature," said Pillmeier. "I am also grateful to the County Executive and my fellow legislators for sharing their time and expertise with me for the benefit of our County and the people we serve," added the Chairman.

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 more than 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. His wife Marie held the family bible while he was sworn into office by County Clerk Donna Benson.

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