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BROOKS DESIGNATES ZERBY AS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO 9/11 COMMEMORATION

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today designated **Robert J. Zerby, Jr.**, the Chief Medical Investigator for the Office of the Medical Examiner as Monroe County's representative to this weekend's "Salute to First Responders". The event, led by Governor Pataki and being held adjacent to Ground Zero, will include representatives from all 62 of New York's counties, in addition to representatives from more than 30 states across the country.

"Monroe County is honored to have Bob Zerby serve as our representative to New York State's 'Salute to First Responders'," stated **Brooks**. *"Bob's selfless efforts in the most unimaginable of circumstances speak volumes about the content of his character."*

Zerby, a resident of the City of Rochester, is an active member of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Federal Disaster Mortuary Response Team (DMORT), and was deployed to New York City on two occasions – a 16-day deployment between September 11 and September 27, 2001, and a 14-day deployment between October 17 and November 1, 2001.

As a team member assigned to the New York Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (NYOCME), Zerby was entrusted with identifying and reporting the remains of those victims who perished at the World Trade Center site.

"At a time when our downstate neighbors needed our help the most, it was the work of people like Bob Zerby who helped New York City and our entire country persevere and recover. I thank him for answering the call, once again," concluded **Brooks**.

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NOTE:

Media personnel covering New York City's September 11 commemoration events and wishing to interview Bob Zerby can contact him directly at (585) 233-3460 (cell).

All other media inquiries can be directed to the Department of Communications at (585) 753-1080.