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**Cheryl Dinolfo Takes the Oath of Office
To Become the 6th Monroe County Executive**

*Pledges to Work to Ensure a Brighter Future
With More Economic Opportunity for Our Entire Community*

Rochester -- Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo was sworn into office this morning during her inauguration ceremony in the Kodak Hall at the Eastman Theatre. The Oath of Office was administered by her husband, Judge Vincent Dinolfo and her father, Russell Loria. **Dinolfo's** remarks focused on her vision to create greater economic opportunity for our community, implementing her integrity agenda to improve County government and keeping property taxes flat to keep homeownership affordable. She also stressed her belief that family is the foundation of our community.

"I believe that family is the foundation of our community, no matter how family is defined. With our families, we share our values, what we care about, and what our roles and responsibilities to each other are," said **Dinolfo**. "We make decisions that guide the paths we take around the family table. It's where we dream about our futures and those of our children. Every family should be able to gather around its table and believe that their future, and the future of our community, is bright and full of opportunity."

Dinolfo called upon all local leaders, elected officials, business owners and the heads of not-for-profit organizations to join her in this effort. She asks them to join her in recognizing that the status-quo is unacceptable and to put aside their preconceptions and to look at our County's challenges plainly and pragmatically. She acknowledged to meet these challenges County government must improve and that she will enact her integrity agenda to do so. **Dinolfo's** integrity agenda includes eliminating Local Development Corporations, creating an Office of Public Integrity and placing all County contracts online for public review.

Dinolfo also reiterated her commitment to keeping the County property tax rate flat. "We should never lose sight of our responsibility to keep our County affordable for all by keeping property taxes flat," stated **Dinolfo**. "Our homes are where our families come together, around their shared table, to plan, to dream, to act and ultimately build a better community with greater opportunity for all of us."

Dinolfo was joined by hundreds of residents at her inauguration and was proud to feature many people who exemplify the best our community has to offer and have touched her life during her career and upbringing. The local Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20 presented our nation's colors. Sister Francella Quinn from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, Cheryl's grade school principal, provided the invocation. Jeremiah (10) and Joshua (8) West, young local leaders who started Champions for Change, a charity to improve childhood literacy, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Longtime local news anchor Don Alhart served as the Master of Ceremonies.

The entire text of County Executive **Dinolfo's** remarks is available as an attachment to this release.

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