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PUTNAM, COLUMBIA COUNTIES JOIN MANY THROUGHOUT NEW YORK TO ENDORSE O'DONNELL FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

New York, NY- Last night two more counties joined the growing list of New Yorkers who are rallying around Denise O'Donnell to be the Empire State's next attorney general. In Putnam County, Denise won the Democrat's County Committee vote by an impressive 11:1 margin over the only other nominated candidate, Andrew Cuomo. In a similar landslide in Columbia County, O'Donnell overwhelmingly won the committee vote to beat second place finisher Mark Green. Putnam and Columbia join the counties of Broome, Rensselaer, Chautauqua, and Erie in endorsing O'Donnell's bid to be attorney general.

O'Donnell also received recent endorsements from Wyoming County Chair Anne Weidman, Schenectady City councilwomen Barbara Strangfeld and Barbara Blanchard, and State Committee member Sharon Jordan. Repeatedly, support from O'Donnell has originated at a grassroots level and has spread through committees because her message simply resonates with voters. The only career prosecutor in the race to become attorney general, O'Donnell has dedicated career to public service and is qualified to fill the role Eliot Spitzer has created. In addition to grassroots support from Putnam to Erie, O'Donnell has also gained the endorsements of former US Attorney General Janet Reno, former New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall, The Buffalo Building Trades, Emily's List, NOW- New York State Chapter, the Women's Campaign Fund, the Flushing Democratic Club in Queens and the Broadway Democrats in Manhattan.

Of her recent endorsements, O'Donnell said, "I am so moved by the democrats in Putnam, Columbia, Wyoming and all the counties who have endorsed me. When I have the opportunity to speak to voters, all over the state, they respond to my career, my experience, and my potential to become a great attorney general who is serious about cleaning up corruption in Albany."

Putnam County Committee vice chair, Susan Spear said, "Putnam Democrats voted overwhelmingly for Denise O'Donnell as our next Attorney General because we believe she is the most qualified candidate for the job. With Denise O'Donnell on the Democratic ticket along

with Eliot Spitzer for Governor, we have the opportunity to show all New Yorkers how our team of Democrats would govern differently.”

Barbara Strangfeld, Schenectady City councilwoman added, “The position of New York State Attorney General is a critical one. We need someone with the character, the integrity, the intelligence, the courage and the prosecutorial experience to fill this position. I believe that one candidate alone has all of these qualifications and that candidate is Denise O'Donnell.”

Wyoming County Committee chair, Anne Weidman also praised O'Donnell, “We Upstate Democrats are pleased to have another upstater do so well, attending local and regional schools, and practicing her trade with distinction. Denise is a product of Buffalo and has risen to the top. With a great legal record, she has done well by playing by the rules with vigor and good humor. What an asset she will be to the new team in Albany, as a woman and as an outstanding attorney.”

O'Donnell was born and raised in New York. She was the first member of her family to attend college, and after graduation she became a social worker in New York City. As a working mother, she attended law school, graduating summa cum laude and became a federal prosecutor. In 1997 she was appointed U.S. Attorney for Western New York and served as vice chair on Attorney General Janet Reno's advisory committee. In total, she has worked as a prosecutor for over 17 years and has tried some of the area's most difficult cases, from the prosecution of Timothy McVeigh to tracking down international fugitive and FBI's 10 most-wanted, James Kopp. To read more about Denise's career and how it has prepared her to be New York's next attorney general, please visit www.odonnell2006.com

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