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ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUSAN JOHN AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS ENDORSE O'DONNELL FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rochester, NY- Today Assemblymember Susan John, County Legislator Carrie Andrews, and City Councilmember Carolee Conklin came together to announce their support for Denise O'Donnell in her bid to become the next Attorney General of New York. Outside of the Susan B. Anthony house, the women spoke of the importance of a balanced democratic ticket for statewide offices that included representation of the entire state and the need for more women in top offices in Albany.

"I am delighted to stand with Denise O'Donnell, and I enthusiastically endorse her candidacy for Attorney General," said Assemblymember Susan John. "I know that Denise brings the skills, knowledge and the understanding of the law to protect the interests of the people of New York State. Her dedication, compassion and commitment to the hard working families of our state make her the obvious choice to be our next Attorney General."

O'Donnell added, "These women are at the forefront of fighting for fair wages for workers, quality schools for our children and affordably healthcare for seniors. They are working to make Rochester a safe and prosperous community for our families. They are proof that women in government can make a difference and I am so proud to have their support."

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 the mid-1990s she was appointed U.S. Attorney for Western New York – taking on some of the toughest cases.

Susan John, Carrie Andrews and Carolee Conklin join a growing and impressive list of endorsements of O'Donnell for Attorney General including: former State Comptroller Carl McCall, former United States Attorney General Janet Reno, Emily's List, NOW-NYS, former U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White, Prosecutors Association of Western New York, Congressman Brian Higgins, Buffalo Police Benevolent Association, Broome County Dems, Cortland County, Putnam County Dems, Columbia County Dems, Rensselaer County Dems, Chautauqua County Dems, Erie County Dems and many others.

As New York's Attorney General, O'Donnell will bring the professionalism of being a prosecutor to the job, as she is the only professional prosecutor in the race. See www.odonnell2006.com for more information on Denise.

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