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**PRESS RELEASE**

*Saratoga Springs Update on State of Emergency Team*

**Saratoga Springs, N.Y.** – In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the City is assembling a variety of team members to address the myriad of issues that the pandemic raises. At the March 17, 2020 meeting, Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Finance Michele Madigan received City Council approval to hire a Budget Director for the City of Saratoga Springs, at an annual salary of \$77,680. **“Our efforts to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and visitors are dependent on our ability to manage the economic impacts of the current, and rapidly changing situation,”** states Madigan.

Commissioner Madigan noted that while it may be difficult to contemplate an expenditure at this at this time, it is important to consider investing in knowledge and experience for our future and for the safety and survival of our City.

“The candidate for this position is a seasoned employee who is steeped in the knowledge and experience about our City’s budget. She has been with the City for ten years, working with all City departments throughout several administrations (all bipartisan) as well as a variety of historical circumstances and milestones,” states Madigan, as she introduces M. Lynn Bachner as the City’s first Budget Director.

Ms. Bachner was the Deputy Commissioner of Finance for eight years for two different Finance Commissioners during the administrations of five different Mayors. She is currently the Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Meg Kelly. She has a Juris Doctor from University of Wisconsin Law School and Masters Degree from Johns Hopkins.

**“I believe that making this investment now could make a profound difference in the financial health of the City for years to come. We are fortunate to have this experienced professional on our team, and together we will do our best to protect our citizens and the legacy of the City of Saratoga Springs. There is no better time than now to ensure a strong finance team is available to work through the looming financial situation that will effect city revenues and expenses in the very near-term.”**



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