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**GARY O'NEILL – CANDIDATE FOR BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF NAMES HIS UNDERSHERIFF AT PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY**

**Endicott, NY (23 JUL 10)** – Gary O'Neill has turned in his signed petitions and is a valid candidate in the race for Broome County Sheriff. His official announcement came this morning at a press conference held at Otsiningo Park in Binghamton. O'Neill will face Tim Roberts in the September primary for the democratic nomination, followed by the General Election where he will face the incumbent, Sheriff Dave Harder.

O'Neill also announced his choice for Undersheriff, Michael A. Fedish, a 22-year veteran of the Broome County Sheriff's Department. Fedish is currently a Highway Patrol Captain, a position he has held since 2007. Prior to becoming Captain, he served as a Detective Division Supervisor for seven years. Like O'Neill, Fedish is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is 46 years old, married with two adult children and is a lifelong resident of Broome County.

O'Neill enters the race backed by over 36 years law enforcement experience, most of that at a command-level. After 29 years with the Endicott Police Department, 10 of those as Chief of Police, he was selected by Sheriff Harder to become Broome County Undersheriff. O'Neill held the position of Broome County Undersheriff from 2004 until 2010, when he resigned to run for the office of Broome County Sheriff. Currently he is working for Broome County Government Security as a Parks Supervisor.

As candidate for Sheriff, Gary O'Neill believes there is a need for a fresh perspective; an enthusiastic and cooperative approach, that takes full advantage of the latest technologies and methodologies available to law enforcement, to enhance both fiscal responsibility and public safety. His relationship with the County Executive and Broome County Legislature is strong and positive - something he believes will foster a more collaborative working environment than the one that currently exists.

Gary O'Neill's website [www.garyoneillforsheriff.com](http://www.garyoneillforsheriff.com) launched this morning. Members of the media can reach Gary O'Neill directly at 607.785.4223.

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