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BROOKS ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP AT GREATER ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced the appointment of Susan L. Walsh, Esq. to the position of Director of the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA). Walsh, who has served as Monroe County's Budget Director since 2008, replaces David P. Damelio and will assume her new post immediately. Damelio, who has served as Airport Director since 2006, has resigned his position to pursue new professional opportunities.

*"With over a decade of financial and administrative experience in County government, Susan Walsh is uniquely qualified to serve as Airport Director," said **Brooks**. "The Airport is first and foremost a powerful tool to drive economic development and job creation in our community. Susan's diverse background in law, management and finance will be a valuable asset as we look to continue state of the art development at GRIA, and reinforce its reputation as one of the best mid-sized airports in the nation."*

As Monroe County Budget Director, Walsh oversaw more than \$1 billion dollars in annual spending. Prior to being named Budget Director, Walsh served as the County's Deputy Director of Human Resources and, formerly, as a top manager in the County's Department of Human Services.

*"I would like to thank David Damelio for his many years of outstanding service to the Greater Rochester International Airport," said **Brooks**. "David successfully guided the Airport to new levels of success at a time when most in the industry were struggling. On his watch, GRIA was named the 14th most affordable airport in the country, ranked 3rd in the nation for largest average fare decrease since 1996, and was awarded multiple Balchen-Post awards for outstanding performance in snow and ice control. I commend David and the entire Airport team for these accomplishments, and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors."*

As a result of Walsh's departure to her new post, **Brooks** also announced that the Monroe County Office of Management and Budget will become a division of the Department of Finance. Scott M. Adair, CPA, Monroe County's Chief Financial Officer, will continue in his role as Director of Finance while also assuming the duties of the Budget Director.

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