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**Statement from Timmy J. Currier, Mayor**

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Since the events of December 1, I have worked hard on my recovery and I remain profoundly sorry for my actions. So many people have reached out in a variety of ways to lend their support to me and my family. We are thankful for each and every one of you. Although I know that I could continue to provide strong and capable leadership for this community, I have decided that I will resign as Mayor of Massena, effective February 1, 2021. In the coming months, it is vital that I dedicate myself to my personal recovery, repair damage I've caused with my family, and work to regain the trust of my closest friends.

More than three decades ago, the citizens of this community hired a kid that grew up a stone's throw from public housing, made him your Chief of Police, and elected him twice as your Mayor. It has been my great honor to serve you and this community for almost 33 years.

Together we modernized our police agency, instituted a true community policing strategy, kept our citizens safe, and implemented several programs such as Triad, Neighborhood Watch, DARE, the Drug Free Coalition and opened a Boys & Girls Club, now Police Activities League.

As your Mayor the last six years, I kept my promise to bring a new style of leadership, one where it was not about being in charge, but rather, taking care of those in my charge.

I kept my promise and focused on things that mattered. Together, with our partners, we invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to reduce blight, improved our neighborhoods, restarted a stalled housing market, and made quality home ownership a possibility for dozens of disadvantaged citizens.

Together, by engaging our citizens, many organizations and volunteers, we improved our infrastructure, reduced labor disputes, treated our staff and volunteer firefighters with dignity, focussed and delivered on downtown development, cleaned up several contaminated properties and by restoring fiscal responsibility to local government, we created an atmosphere that fostered growth and development in Massena.

We proved that by working with our partners at every level, and by leveraging our local assets to attract outside investment, we could bring millions of dollars to this community and spur growth and community development. It's important to recognize that none of this happens without local developers and investors that believe in Massena and her citizens.



Under my leadership, we worked hard to make Massena a true regional partner with our county and other local communities. For far too long we failed to be a true team player on that level.

Our team proved that it is results, not rhetoric that moves Massena forward! I am very proud of our work, and I hope you are as well.

I extend my thanks to Deputy Mayor Matt Lebire and the Trustees; our management team led by Administrator Monique Chatland, our staff; volunteer board members; our partners at every level; my strategic team, and most importantly, the great citizens of Massena. Finally, I thank my wife and son, for enduring the challenges and sacrifices that come with living a very public life and for being by my side every step of the way.

As I leave office, I hope that whoever follows me as Mayor, they recognize that our team developed and implemented a successful strategy that has proven successful. By utilizing the skills and talents of our citizenry, and working with partners at every level, Massena will continue to move forward!

Friends, it has been my honor to serve you. I hope I led with my heart, with commitment, perspective and empathy. This community has treated me very well, and no matter what I do, or where I go, Massena is and always will be home for me! As a very dear friend of mine has said for years, "it's not the destination, it's the journey that matters most!" Massena has given me an incredible journey!

As I move to a more private life, after three decades, I ask you to give me and my family the privacy we need to ensure my successful recovery. God bless.

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