

Reschenthaler Statement on President Trump's 2nd Inauguration

By Kevin Knoth

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Chief Deputy Whip Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA) issued the following statement regarding the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump:

"Congratulations to President Donald J. Trump and Vice President JD Vance on their historic inauguration at the U.S. Capitol. Today starts an important new chapter in our nation's history – the beginning of a Golden Age of prosperity, strength, and peace.

The United States faces many challenges ahead caused by the previous administration, including a sprawling border crisis and the decline of the American Dream. Thankfully, the American people are blessed to now have two strong leaders in President Trump and Vice President Vance who are battle-tested and ready to turn our nation around. I look forward to working alongside them as the United States returns to greatness."



Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure A Huge Advocate For The Slate Belt Won't Seek Re-election

By Michael Ortoski

SLATE BELT - Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure will not run for a third term this year. McClure's decision is to call it quits at the end of his second term.

McClure a huge advocate of the Slate Belt supporting groups such as Slate Belt Rising, Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Minsi Lake, Mission of Love Food Hub, Second Harvest, CALV and many more.

In Bangor McClure allocated over \$500,000 in grants I wrote to turn our Mission of Love Food Bank into a 'Food Hub' for the Slate Belt. We are now the only 'food hub' in Northampton County and now serve over 5000 families a month.

McClure was also instrumental in funding projects for Slate Belt Rising (SBR) a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt of boroughs of Bangor, Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, and Portland. I chair the commercial and residential facade program and the mural program.

I also chair Friends of Minsi Lake the group who is doing all the upgrades at the lake. McClure was instrumental in the transformation of what you see at the lake today. When we started over 4 years ago he pledged \$500,000 in matching funds to start the improvements. Credit goes out to former State Senator Mario Scavella and State Rep. Joe Emrick for getting the funding to replace the \$4 million dam.

McClure, a Democrat, has been in the county executive post since 2018. He defeated Republican incumbent John Brown (now a member of county council) in 2017 to take over the top spot, and he fended off a challenge from Republican Steve Lynch in 2021.

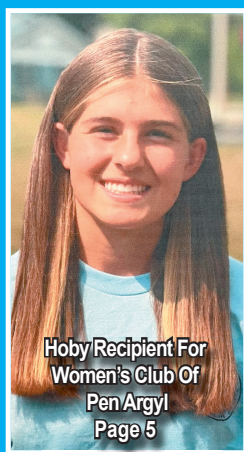
Prior to that, McClure was a member of Northampton County council from 2006 to 2013.

His long-term priorities have been open space preservation, stopping the proliferation of warehouses, and maintaining Gracedale as a county owned and operated nursing home.

So far no one from either side of the political aisle had publicly declared an intention to run for the seat.



L-R Bryan S. Cope, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation for Northampton County, Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure, Senator Mario Scavella and State Rep. Joe Emrick at the grand re-opening of the lake 2020



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