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PRECHTL ELECTED CHAIR OF NEW YORK INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

ALBANY, N.Y.—Mark Precht, executive vice president and chief executive officer at Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company, has been elected chair of the New York Insurance Association (NYIA) and began serving a one-year term on Jan. 1, 2020.

“Mark is a truly genuine person whose altruistic nature and positive outlook make him a natural leader,” Ellen Melchionni, president of NYIA said. “The emphasis he puts on collaboration and gaining the perspective of others is unparalleled. He is a great asset to the association as well as the industry.”

Precht has been in the insurance industry for over 30 years. He commenced his insurance career in commercial underwriting for an independent agency in 1985 and then joined Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company in 1989 as a claim adjuster. In 1992, he was promoted to claim manager. He was then promoted to executive vice president and chief executive officer in 1997. Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company is a property and casualty insurance company located in Jamestown, NY.

Precht is the organization's primary representative to industry and agent trade organizations, community and charitable organizations, government regulators and insurance company rating organizations.

Precht graduated from LeMoyne College with a degree in Business Marketing in 1984. He has been a board member of the New York Insurance Association since 2009 and has served on a variety of the association's committees.

Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company (CPIC) is a property and casualty insurance company licensed to conduct business in New York State. CPIC has been protecting policyholders in New York State since 1877 and strives to adhere to its mission statement which is to “Provide our agents and insured's with exceptional insurance service and products while being financially responsible”. Offering many types of property and casualty insurance products, CPIC focuses on insurance for three major lines of business: homes, businesses, and farms.

The New York Insurance Association (NYIA®) is a state trade association that has represented the property and casualty insurance industry for more than 135 years.

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A headshot of Precht is available upon request.