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# CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

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**TO: STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (DOCS) SUPERINTENDENTS, NEW YORK CITY FACILITY WARDENS, SHERIFFS, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION**

**RE: ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK CORRECTION HISTORY SOCIETY**

I am honored to inform you that the New York Correction History Society (NYCHS) elected me its President at its annual meeting held at New York City Department of Correction Headquarters on January 22, 2001.

As President, I succeed Michael P. Jacobson, former Commissioner of Correction of the City of New York. Sheriff Ronald Spike, the current President of the New York State Sheriffs' Association was elected as a member of the Executive Committee. The New York Correction History Society was founded in 1999 to pursue, preserve and promote the history of correctional services in the City and State of New York.

The NYCHS is fortunate to be guided by a prestigious Board of Trustees, which includes Glenn Goord, the Commissioner of the DOCS, former Correction Commissioner and present New York Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, current New York City Correction Commissioner William J. Fraser (elected NYCHS board chairman), and Director of Criminal Justice Katherine Lapp, among others.

As part of its effort to preserve the rich and varied history of correctional services in New York, the Society will, over time, establish a collection of architectural and archival material which will serve to document and memorialize the development of correctional services in New York State from its 18<sup>th</sup> Century beginnings to the modern, safe and humane system operated throughout New York State. The Society is also dedicated to the proposition that corrections is an area of endeavor that has become highly professionalized over the years such that many of the leaders in this field throughout its history should be recognized for their accomplishments and their contributions to public safety.

You can learn more about the New York Correction History Society on its web site at [www.correctionhistory.org](http://www.correctionhistory.org). If you or your colleagues possess or know the location of historically important documents, art, books, photographs, equipment, architectural materials or memorabilia that you believe NYCHS should be made aware of, the society invites you to consider contacting the Society. You may contact either NYCHS general secretary Thomas McCarthy, at Room 608, 60 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10013 (212-266-1016) or e-mail the Society at [webmaster@correctionhistory.org](mailto:webmaster@correctionhistory.org) or contacting NYCHS curator, Deborah J. Kurtz, Deputy Commissioner, NYC Correction Academy, 66-26 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village, N.Y. 11379 (718 417-2311).

Please find a copy of the Winter 2001 edition of the Society's newsletter attached.

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Alan J. Croce/Chairman Commissioner

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