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## **Mayor Patrick Madden Announces Appointment of City ADA Coordinator**

**TROY, NY** – Today **Mayor Patrick Madden** announced the appointment of **John Salka** as the City of Troy’s disabilities coordinator. The appointment is in accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which requires municipalities to appoint an individual or individuals to coordinate compliance with the law.

Troy’s ADA coordinator is responsible for the city’s compliance efforts with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including working with the public to provide necessary assistance and municipal services, engage with city staff, boards and commissions on ADA requirements, and assess & improve access for individuals with disabilities to city facilities, activities and programs.

**Mayor Madden** said “The City of Troy continues to pursue the goal of being an inclusive community for people of all abilities and ages. I am confident that with John’s personal experience in the field and his broad knowledge of city operations he can make important contributions to advancing the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act and strengthen our commitment to making Troy a more welcoming and inclusive community.”

**John Salka, Troy’s ADA Coordinator**, said “I am honored to be appointed and serve as the city’s ADA coordinator and intend to work closely with members of our disability community to expand & improve access to important city services and programming for residents and visitors to the Collar City.”

The City of Troy's ADA coordinator will undertake a self-evaluation of city programs, activities and services, and review the policies and practices which govern them to identify issues which affect the participation of individuals with disabilities. Following the completion of the self-assessment, the City of Troy will develop a transition plan to remove any identified physical barriers which limits access by members of the disability community to programs or activities in the City of Troy.

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*The City of Troy is committed to providing equal access and creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all people with disabilities in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). In coordination with local disability advocacy groups and members of the disability community, the administration has begun initiatives to improve public sidewalk access and educate Troy residents on issues surrounding accessibility in their neighborhoods. In September of 2016, the City of Troy implemented their Complete Streets policy to increase safety, health and access for users of all abilities to local transportation networks.*

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