

**Statement from Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro**

following the retirement announcement of Dutchess County Regional Chamber of  
Commerce President Charlie North

*“Charlie North has been a champion for our local businesses for decades. Never missing an opportunity to remind each of us to “THINK LOCAL FIRST”, Charlie has worked to spotlight the importance of our business community.*

*He has guided the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce through years of change and growth to make the DCRCOOC a critical component of our economy. There is no greater advocate for business than the Chamber, and Charlie North has made fighting for Dutchess County’s economic success his life.*

*With smarts, strategy, and incomparable personality, Charlie North has made an indelible mark on this community. Dutchess County and the Hudson River Valley are better because of his leadership and service.”*

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