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ADK ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Lake George, NY —October 3, 2019— ADK (Adirondack Mountain Club) is pleased to announce that Michael Barrett has been appointed as the new Executive Director of ADK, which will be effective in November. The appointment was unanimously approved by the ADK Board of Directors at its September 28, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Barrett is a former foreign language interrogator for the United States Army. He went on to obtain his law degree in 2002 before serving as an attorney to the NYS Assembly Codes Committee. He later held executive-level positions in both the Spitzer and Paterson administrations.

After moving to Missouri, he worked as counsel to the Department of Natural Resources before becoming Deputy General Counsel to Governor Jeremiah “Jay” Nixon, a position he held for three years before being selected as the Director of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency. For the past four-plus years, Michael served as the Director of the Missouri State Public Defender System, which included functioning as both the systems’ lobbyist and public information officer.

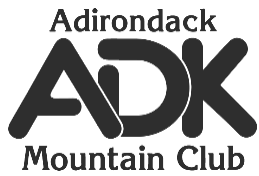
“Michael is a proven and dynamic leader with years of success as an advocate and policy maker. We look forward to him joining ADK,” said John Gilewicz, ADK President.

Michael, an avid outdoorsman and paddler, will be returning to New York later this fall, along with his wife Sebrina, who is the Executive Director of the Missouri Bar, his son Mason (13), and his daughter Molly (7). “I look forward to building on the successes that have already been achieved by this incredible organization,” said Barrett.

ADK’s previous Executive Director and current Chief Executive Officer, Neil Woodworth, will be remaining with ADK for several months to facilitate the transition and will remain of counsel to ADK for the near future.

“We thank Neil for his decades of service and his tremendous contribution, not just to ADK but to New York State,” said Mr. Gilewicz.

Questions may be directed to either John Gilewicz, ADK President, at 413-351-1429 or Neil Woodworth at 518-668-4447.



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About ADK

ADK (Adirondack Mountain Club) is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and advocating for New York State's wild lands and waters while also teaching people how to enjoy natural places responsibly. Since 1922, the organization has offered people opportunities to stay and play in as well as protect, discover, and explore the outdoors. Today, ADK has 30,000 members in 27 chapters statewide and is served by a professional, year-round staff. The organization is recognized as a vital voice in the commitment to environmental stewardship and ethical outdoor recreation in New York State. For more information on membership or making a difference, head to ADK.org or follow ADK on Instagram, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.