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Suffolk County Courts Celebrate Women's History Month

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - District Administrative Judge, Alan D. Oshrin, is pleased to announce that the Suffolk County courts and the Suffolk County Women in the Courts Committee are sponsoring a celebration of National Women's History Month in a special ceremony to be held on March 13, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., in the central jury room of the Cohalan Court Complex in Central Islip. The ceremony will be presided over by Justice Oshrin.

This year, special recognition will be given to the Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department. Justice Prudenti was the first woman from Suffolk County to serve as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division for the Second Judicial Department and the first woman to

serve as its Presiding Justice. In addition, Justice Prudenti was the first woman elected Surrogate of Suffolk County and, prior to her appointment to the Appellate Division, was the District Administrative Judge for Suffolk County for nearly three (3) years.

The honorees will also include Major Nancy Christensen, Captain Eileen Doyle and Captain Janet Henderson, the three highest ranking women court officers in Suffolk County. All of the honorees are role models for women and are an example of the wonderful advancement and career opportunities available to women in the Unified Court System.

Justice Oshrin observed, "Each of the women that we honor are truly remarkable and are very much deserving of this special recognition. They are shining examples of what can be accomplished through hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence and should serve as an inspiration to us all."

In commemoration of Women's History Month, the Suffolk County Women in the Courts Committee is also sponsoring a pictorial display of the honorees as well as current and former women judges and justices who have served on the bench in Suffolk County. The exhibit is on display in the second floor mezzanine at the Cohalan Court Complex located between the Supreme Court and the District Court buildings. All are welcome to visit the exhibit and to celebrate the accomplishments of the hardworking and dedicated women jurists and court employees.

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