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Patrick McDermott Sworn In as Norfolk County Sheriff

DEDHAM – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott was sworn in today by Norfolk County District Attorney Michael Morrissey in a small ceremony attended by his family and live streamed for the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. McDermott, who is the 23rd Norfolk County Sheriff, will fulfill the term vacated by former Sheriff Bellotti.

Addressing his vision for the role of the Norfolk County Sheriff's office, McDermott emphasized the need to reconsider the role of public safety.

"In order to prevent crime, we need to address the systems and problems that set people up to make desperate choices in the first place," said McDermott. "Poverty, drug addiction, systemic racism, housing insecurity, and more are holding too many back, forcing people to make impossible decisions. If we can work to alleviate these conditions, we can help people on the path towards making better decisions. These challenges ask us to find more effective ways of working together to strengthen our communities and make our county safer for everyone."

McDermott added, "From increasing community outreach and partnerships across the 28 communities of Norfolk County to expanding educational opportunities and post-incarceration services, we can work to get people on the right path for themselves, their families and our county. These changes won't happen overnight, but as Sheriff, this is my focus. I look forward to working with the cities and towns of Norfolk County because together we can reach this goal."

Patrick McDermott most recently served as the Norfolk Register of Probate for 18 years. He lives in Quincy with his wife Tracy Wilson and their children Alana and Adam.

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