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## **Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido Honored with Public Service Award by Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation**

Mount Clemens, MI – Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido will be presented with the Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation's Public Service Award at a ceremony to take place on Friday, July 7, 2023. The award, named after Xavier DeGroat, a courageous advocate for autism awareness, symbolizes Lucido's unwavering dedication to promoting justice and supporting individuals with autism.

Xavier DeGroat, a remarkable individual who has overcome significant challenges associated with autism, has become an inspiration in the autism community. His tireless efforts to raise awareness, provide support, and advocate for the rights of individuals with autism have had a profound impact on countless lives.

The Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation, established to honor Xavier's remarkable journey, recognizes individuals who exemplify the spirit of public service and demonstrate a deep commitment to creating a more inclusive society. Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido is a deserving recipient of this award.

Lucido's journey in the legal field began almost four decades ago when he graduated from the Detroit College of Law, now known as Michigan State University College of Law. Despite facing numerous challenges, Lucido pursued his education while working multiple jobs and attending classes at night. Prior to earning his law degree, he had already acquired a master's degree in business from Central Michigan University and obtained licenses in insurance, real estate, and securities.

Born into a large family of eight children, Lucido draws inspiration from his late father, who was known as "The Green Grocer," who delivered fresh fruits and vegetables door-to-door to

families in Macomb County. He later co-founded Lucido's Insurance Agency, Inc. These experiences instilled in Lucido a strong work ethic and a deep understanding of the value of community service.

After founding and presiding over one of Macomb County's largest law firms, Lucido displayed his commitment to supporting veterans by hiring a military veteran as his first employee. Lucido attributes his success to his broad education and diverse experience, which have equipped him with the skills necessary to run thriving businesses and serve the community effectively.

Prior to his current role as Macomb County Prosecutor, Peter J. Lucido served as the State Representative for the 36th District, where he fervently advocated for his constituents and the entire county. Thereafter, he was elected to the Michigan Senate (8th District) with an overwhelming majority, continuing his mission to be a powerful voice for a brighter future for all residents and families in Macomb County.

Receiving the Public Service Award from the Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation demonstrates Peter J. Lucido's commitment to serving the people of Macomb County. This recognition highlights his exceptional contribution, both as a prosecutor and a compassionate advocate.

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