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## Senator Helming Appointed to Leadership of Senate Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism and Parks and Recreation

GENEVA- Senator Pam Helming today announced that she has been named as the ranking member of the Cultural Affairs, Tourism and Parks and Recreation Committee. Additionally, she will continue to serve as the ranking member on the Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business Committee and the Commission on Rural Resources.

"It is an honor to be named as the ranking member on the Committee for Cultural Affairs, Tourism and Parks and Recreation. The Finger Lakes region, comprised of beautiful lakes, environment, wineries, and craft breweries, is one of the top visited destinations, drawing visitors from across the country. I look forward to my new role on this committee as tourism plays such an important role in helping our economy grow. Coupled with my rankership on the Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business committee, I will work to strengthen our communities and grow our economy across the entire state," Senator Helming said.

"The Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance is pleased to learn of Senator Helming's appointment. Senator Helming has been a strong support for tourism and advocate for the Finger Lakes region. We look forward to working with her in her new role," said Cynthia Kimble, President, Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance.

In addition to Tourism, Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business and Rural Resources, Senator Helming is a member of the committees on Agriculture, Racing, Gaming and Wagering and Housing.

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