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**Division of Human Rights Announces New Deputy Commissioner for
External Relations**

New York State Division of Human Rights Commissioner Galen D. Kirkland today announced the appointment of James Mulvaney as Deputy Commissioner for External Relations.

Mr. Mulvaney is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who worked for newspapers in New York for 20 years before spending the past decade as a consultant in the investigations, compliance and crisis management fields.

“Jim Mulvaney is an excellent addition to our distinguished staff that is helping the Division execute its mission to protect the civil rights of all people in New York,” said Commissioner Kirkland. “His experience as a reporter, a consultant and an advocate for the disabled complements our strong team of advocates and professional staff.”

Mr. Mulvaney worked as a reporter, national and foreign correspondent for Newsday for more than 15 years. In 1996 he headed a team at the Orange County (CA) Register that won a Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting. He also was deputy managing editor for investigations at the New York Daily News. He worked in the private sector for a “Big 4” accounting company and later his own firm providing client services. He is a nationally recognized advocate in the autism community and has written frequently on issues related to people with disabilities.

“I am excited about coming to the Division for Human Rights to help with the mission of protecting people and enforcing the civil rights laws of the state and nation,” he said.

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New York has the proud distinction of being the first state in the nation to enact a Human Rights Law, which affords every citizen “an equal opportunity to enjoy a full and productive life.” The New York State Division of Human Rights was created to enforce this important law and does so through, among other things, the vigorous prosecution of unlawful discriminatory practices and the receipt, investigation, and resolution of complaints of discrimination. Please visit the Division’s website at www.dhr.state.ny.us for additional information about the agency and its work.