

## **Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero to serve as Dearborn's Mayor for the Day**

**DEARBORN**, Mich. – The mayor of Michigan's capital city will serve as Dearborn's mayor for the day on Monday, May 15, as part of Michigan Mayors Exchange Day.

Dearborn Mayor Michael A. Guido will visit Lansing at a future date, to serve as its mayor for the day.

Mayors Exchange Day is a highlight of "Michigan Week" celebrated each year by municipalities across the state. The practice gives municipal leaders an opportunity to see firsthand the daily operation of public service in different cities across the state.

"We're looking forward to welcoming Mayor Bernero to our City. We've got a lot of great Dearborn success stories to tell," said Mayor Guido.

Serving as Mayor Guido's representatives for the event are Dearborn Michigan Week 2006 co-chairpersons Jim and Marilyn Dohany.

They will accompany Mayor Bernero during his visit to Dearborn, which will feature visits to Dearborn's Ford Community & Performing Arts Center and Dearborn City Hall, participating in the DuVall School Clean Up parade, a luncheon at the Henry Ford Estate, and a meeting with local leaders at the Arab American National Museum, and tours of Dearborn's successful downtown development and brownfield projects.

Sworn in as Lansing's mayor on January 1 of this year, Mayor Bernero is a former state senator and state representative, a former Ingham County commissioner, and a former state legislative aide.

He has also worked as a development officer for Alma College and as executive director of the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders (MACED), a United Way advocacy group for children's mental health.

A leading advocate for mental health and children's services, Mayor Bernero has been active in a wide variety of civic affairs and human service issues.

He is a past board member of the Capital Area Girl Scout Council and served on the Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health Board, Capital Area Community Services Board of Directors and the Michigan Association of Counties Human Services Board.

He was recognized by the Michigan Association of School Psychologists in November, 2003 for his exemplary advocacy on behalf of Michigan's children. In August 2004, the Michigan Association for Local Public Health presented him with the "Friend of Public Health" advocacy award.

Mayor Bernero is a 1986 graduate of Adrian College where he earned his B.A. in Political Science with honors. He received the Young Alumni Award for outstanding achievement from his alma mater in 2004.

He resides in Lansing with his wife Teri and their daughters, Kelly and Virginia.