



NIAGARA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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**NORRIS PRAISES LAZIO FOR EDWARDS PICK:
CALLS LT GOV NOMINEE ‘MAN OF PRINCIPLE & VISION’**

LOCKPORT—Niagara County Republican Party Chairman Michael J. Norris issued the following statement in response to reports that Republican gubernatorial candidate Rick Lazio has selected Chautauqua County Executive Greg Edwards as his running mate:

I'm extremely pleased that Rick Lazio has selected a man of principle and vision like Greg Edwards to serve New York as our next lieutenant governor. When Niagara County became one of the first counties to endorse Rick Lazio, we did so because he pledged to stand up for Upstate and Western New York. His selection today of Chautauqua County's effective county executive shows he is making good on that pledge.

On a personal note, though, I want to congratulate Greg. I've known him for some time, and consider him a personal friend, a man of principle and vision, and a conservative leader whose counsel I've always valued and whose success as county executive has served as a model for all of Western New York.

Under Greg Edwards, Chautauqua County's economy has seen enviable growth even in the midst of the Obama-Paterson Recession. Greg Edwards has shown that conservative Republican principles are the key to economic recovery. And Rick Lazio has shown that his administration will ensure Western New York and all of Upstate will have a voice and a seat at the table.

I urge my fellow Republican chairmen throughout Upstate to unite behind the Lazio-Edwards ticket.

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