



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

John O'Connell, III | NYRWA President

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**A**s I reflect on the year that was...2020, I would like to include a few comments from a Board perspective. Let me say first, I hope all had a wonderful holiday, despite all the roadblocks that Covid-19 provided. I would like to once again, thank the membership and the Board for the support that I have received while being President of the New York Rural Water Association.

Under the circumstances that we have faced, New York Rural Water Association has maintained the highest level of support and training that we were able to, given the restrictions that we have encountered due to the virus. We continue to look at ways to better serve our membership in the upcoming years, with the

new challenges that we face. Jamie and our Staff are working with the DEC, and the DOH, to request a modification for our credit hours and the renewal process for 2021. The Board and other State Associations around the United States feel that due to the Covid-19 restrictions and the limited training sessions, there is a need to provide leniency for certification renewals for 2021. We will keep you posted.

In closing, on behalf of the Association I wish to extended gratitude to our past Board Members and Staff that retired this past year, and we wish them all the best. Be safe out there and let us hope 2021 is a better year. 💧💧💧