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Siena College 11th Congressional District Poll:

Grimm Expands Lead Over Murphy to 52-34 Percent Opens Wider Lead with Independents; Doubles Lead on SI *Romney Reverses 4-Point Deficit & Now Leads Obama by 3 Points*

Loudonville, NY. Republican Representative Michael Grimm has significantly increased his lead over Democratic challenger Mark Murphy to a commanding 52-34 percent margin, up from 48-38 percent five weeks ago. The Green Party candidate has the support of five percent, according to a new Siena College Research Institute poll of likely 11th C.D. voters released today.

Grimm leads by 22 points on Staten Island, up from 12 points previously, and he leads by 12 points in Brooklyn, up from nine points.

Grimm has the support of 86 percent of Republicans, 31 percent of Democrats and 54 percent of independents, among whom he has a 30 point lead, up from nine points last month. Mitt Romney now has a slim 49-46 percent lead over President Obama, who last month led by a narrow 49-45 percent margin.

“Over the last five weeks Grimm has nearly doubled his lead, and now has a comfortable

52-34 percent lead over Murphy. There has been virtually no change among Republicans, with whom Grimm maintains an overwhelming lead, and there has been no change at all among Democrats, among whom Murphy leads 56-31 percent. However, independent voters have moved even more strongly into the Grimm camp, now supporting him by 30 points, up from nine points last month,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

“Grimm has increased his lead in Staten Island from 12 points to 22 points and he leads in Brooklyn by 12 points, up from nine points,” Greenberg said. “Grimm has double digit leads with men and women.”

		If the election was today, who would you vote for?			
		Michael Grimm	Mark Murphy	Hank Bardel	Don't Know/ Not Voting
11th CD	Nov. 1	52%	34%	5%	9%
	Sept. 25	48%	38%	6%	8%
<i>Democrats</i>	Nov. 1	31%	56%	4%	9%
	Sept. 25	31%	56%	5%	8%
<i>Republicans</i>	Nov. 1	86%	6%	1%	8%
	Sept. 25	85%	8%	3%	4%
<i>Independents</i>	Nov. 1	54%	24%	13%	10%
	Sept. 25	44%	35%	11%	10%
Staten Island	Nov. 1	55%	33%	5%	7%
	Sept. 25	50%	38%	7%	6%
Brooklyn	Nov. 1	47%	35%	6%	13%
	Sept. 25	46%	37%	6%	11%
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“Grimm continues to be viewed favorably by a majority of likely voters and has a positive 52-34 percent favorability rating,” Greenberg said. “Murphy has become slightly better known over the last five weeks, however, he has a negative 31-36 percent favorability rating, even while he remains unknown to one-third of voters.

“While Grimm is viewed favorably by 90 percent of voters who currently support him,

Murphy is only viewed favorably by 62 percent of his supporters, with more than one-quarter of voters who say they are voting for Murphy not knowing enough about him to have an opinion,” Greenberg said.

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of ...?				
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't Know/ No Opinion
Michael Grimm	Nov. 1	52%	34%	14%
	Sept 25	50%	33%	17%
Mark Murphy	Nov. 1	31%	36%	33%
	Sept 25	27%	28%	45%
Hank Bardel	Nov. 1	6%	13%	81%
	Sept 25	5%	12%	82%
Andrew Cuomo	Nov. 1	74%	18%	8%
	Sept 25	76%	19%	5%
Mitt Romney	Nov. 1	53%	44%	3%
	Sept 25	46%	50%	4%
Barack Obama	Nov. 1	48%	49%	3%
	Sept 25	51%	47%	3%
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Romney Now Has Small 3-Point Lead Over Obama

“Romney has seen a significant improvement in his favorability rating among likely voters in the 11th C.D. over the last month and now has a 53-44 percent favorability rating, up from a negative 46-50 percent last month. At the same time, the President’s favorability rating fell from 51-47 percent down to a negative 48-49 percent,” Greenberg said. “That may help explain why Obama’s 49-45 percent lead over Romney last month has flipped and become a 49-46 percent lead for Romney.

“With less than a week until Election Day, Grimm heads to his first re-election in a commanding position. He is viewed favorably by a majority of voters. By a 14-point margin, voters are inclined to re-elect him rather than preferring ‘someone else.’ He has the support of more than 50 percent of voters along with a strong 18-point lead. And Murphy has not been able to get any traction with voters in this district that is heavily Democratic in enrollment but not in voting performance,” Greenberg said. “Shy of some dramatic last-minute development, Grimm appears headed to a sophomore term in Congress.”

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This Siena College 11th C.D. survey was conducted October 27-28, 2012 by telephone calls to 627 likely voters. A likely voter screen was applied to the sample of registered voters that had been statistically adjusted to reflect party registration, gender and age. It has a margin of error of ± 3.9 percentage points. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in New York State. SRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.