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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Police Chief William C. Blythe upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to the Warsaw Police Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Police Chief William C. Blythe upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to the Warsaw Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Perry, New York, the son of Skip and Marie Blythe, William graduated from Perry High School in 1970; and

WHEREAS, An active member of his community, William C. Blythe was a member of the Perry Fire Department, and served as Assistant Scout Master for Boys Scouts of America Troop 45; and

WHEREAS, Originally set out to become a New York State Corrections Officer, William C. Blythe began working as a laborer for New York State Department of Transportation in 1976, and worked during the famous "Blizzard of 77"; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1977, William C. Blythe became a member of the Warsaw Police Department; after graduating from the Police Academy, he was appointed Night Supervisor serving from August of 1978 until June of 1979, and served as Acting Chief of Police from June 1979 until November

of 1979; and

WHEREAS, William C. Blythe rose through the ranks receiving permanent appointment as Sergeant in July of 1981; in 1987, he received permanent appointment as Assistant Chief of Police, and gained the prestigious rank as Chief of Police in March of 1991; and

WHEREAS, As Chief, William C. Blythe paid close attention to detail, presentation, and ethics, which directly affected his department's sterling performance; he firmly believed in traditional community policing, in which officers know and interact with their neighborhoods, and the people of the Warsaw community; and

WHEREAS, Chief William C. Blythe served as a member of numerous committees including the Sexual Assault Review Team (SART), and provided help to Wyoming County to develop a County Wide Domestic Violence Protocol; he also led several police related training courses, and served as a member of the Warsaw School Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, A certified Police Firearms Instructor since 1981, William C. Blythe continues to help train hundreds of new Police Officers in firearms safety; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 25 years, Linda Ott Blythe, and their three children, as well as four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, William C. Blythe rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Warsaw Police Department, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, William C. Blythe was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full

praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
honor Police Chief William C. Blythe upon the occasion of his retirement
after 37 years of distinguished service to the Warsaw Police Department;
and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Police Chief William C. Blythe.