

## 2015-J394

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Detective Nicholas Abrams for his generous contributions in refurbishing Pocket Park located in the West Hill Neighborhood of Albany, New York

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Detective Nicholas Abrams for his generous contributions in refurbishing Pocket Park located in the West Hill Neighborhood of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 13 years, Nicholas Abrams has served the Albany Police Department with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, A graduate from the Zone Five Regional Law Enforcement Training Center in 2001, Nicholas Abrams was first assigned to the North Station serving as Patrol Officer; in 2010, he was assigned to the Neighborhood Engagement Unit where he served as a beat officer in the West Hill Neighborhood of Albany; and

WHEREAS, During his three years in the Neighborhood Engagement Unit, Detective Nicholas Abrams built strong ties with the community by organizing bike rodeos, working side by side with several community leaders, and becoming a certified Gang Resistance Education and Training instructor; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2012, Detective Nicholas Abrams proposed an idea of refurbishing and expanding a park in the West Hill neighborhood of Albany; his persistent efforts and community policing role in building a stronger, healthier community have resulted in the creation of Pocket Park which will include a new playground and provide a safe envi-

ronment with recreational opportunities for all generations; and  
WHEREAS, Through his dedication and commitment to the West Hill community, Detective Nicholas Abrams has provided a generous amount of funds for the revitalization of Pocket Park; he is committed to engaging the neighborhood youth on a daily basis to foster a trusting relationship; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the Neighborhood Engagement Unit, Police Officer Nicholas Abrams earned the esteemed Police Office of the Year Award for his work within the West Hill community; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Nicholas Abrams achieved his current rank of Detective and today serves in the department's Community Response Unit; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Dawn, and their two sons, Nicholas and Jacob, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize and commend such outstanding law enforcement officers as Detective Nicholas Abrams for their valued contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Detective Nicholas Abrams for his generous contributions in refurbishing Pocket Park located in the West Hill Neighborhood of Albany, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Detective Nicholas Abrams.