

## 2015-J503

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Timothy Pazda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Pazda has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Timothy Pazda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Originally from Forestville, New York, Timothy Pazda is an ardent believer of community service and enjoys serving the Clarence community in a variety of ways; he has proudly portrayed the role of the official Village of Forestville Santa Claus for the past 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Pazda has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Pazda is an immediate Past-President of the Clarence Lions Club; during his leadership, he facilitated the purchase and donation of two commercial icemakers for town buildings, as well as a handicapped lift for the Town Park swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, Today, Timothy Pazda chairs the House Number Community Service Project which provides highly reflective house numbers on resident's mailboxes, which ultimately aids emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, For several years, Timothy Pazda has been a key facilitator in the Day in the Park Independence Day celebration; for four years he

served as the Co-Chair, overseeing the committees for vendors, publicity, outside sponsors, and operations; he was also responsible for the successful addition of Bark in the Park; and

WHEREAS, For 20 years, Timothy Pazda has been an active member of the Clarence Center Volunteer Fire Company serving for five of those years as President and 18 years as the Beer Tent Chairman; in 2002, he was the Chairman of the building renovation and has served as the Chairman of the company's Annual Fund Drive; currently, he is Treasurer of the Benevolent Association; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Timothy Pazda was Vice President of the Clarence Community Association; he was also the driving force and the co-Chairman of the Historic Street Clock project which was dedicated to the Town of Clarence and to the families who suffered immeasurable loss in the tragedy of Flight 3407; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Timothy Pazda was a vital member of the town's Bicentennial Committee for three years, co-chairing both the Banner Committee and the Heritage Days Celebration during the Bicentennial Event; he was also responsible for the Closing Ceremony which offered a unique and spectacular fireworks show; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Pazda was Founder/Organizer of the Chili & Chowder Cook-Off, which is a popular event during the town's Winterfest, an event he has helped to coordinate for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, Timothy Pazda has served on the Town of Clarence Planning Board and has been a Regional Director for the New York Planning Federation for seven years; today, he Chairs the Site Selection Committee for the Annual Statewide Planning and Zoning Conference; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Timothy Pazda has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Pazda has been a faithful member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for 20 years, and is a member of the Church's governing

body; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Darlene, and his two children, Katie and Jason, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Timothy Pazda has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Timothy Pazda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Timothy Pazda.