

## 2015-J1098

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill upon the occasion of being selected as Officer of the Year by the New Hartford Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill upon the occasion of being selected Officer of the Year by the New Hartford Police Department, to be celebrated at an event sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Hartford, on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at the Yahnundasis Golf Club, New Hartford, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Hartford, New York, Timothy P. O'Neill earned his degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1983, Timothy P. O'Neill became a member of the New Hartford Police Department; he was promoted to the position of Sergeant in 1990, and then to the esteemed rank of Lieutenant in 1993, a title he still holds today; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill has distinguished himself in many areas within the law enforcement field; he was a driving force behind the Community Policing initiative, which dramatically changed the culture of law enforcement in New Hartford; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill also authored and administered

numerous grants, resulting in a significant amount of funds which were dedicated to the community; these endowments enhanced both officer productivity and visibility within the Village of New Hartford, helping to maintain a low crime rate; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill was appointed to the position of Commander of the Oneida County Drug Task Force; under his capable leadership, the task force made dozens of felony drug arrests leading to the seizure of large amounts of controlled substances; and WHEREAS, In addition, many illegal handguns, rifles, and assault weapons were recovered, making the community of New Hartford a safer place to live; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill's integrity and work ethic serve as an example to not only officers in the New Hartford Police Department, but also to law enforcement personnel area-wide; and WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; 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 commend Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill upon the occasion of being selected as Officer of the Year by the New Hartford Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Timothy P. O'Neill.