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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Police Chief Mike Williams upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Hamburg 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 Police Chief Mike Williams upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Hamburg Police Department; he will officially retire at the end of March 2015; and

WHEREAS, Born into a police force family, Mike Williams joined the Hamburg Police Department in 1980; changes in procedure, equipment, and technology have been prevalent throughout his illustrious career as he moved up the ranks of his department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Police Chief Mike Williams has performed every job on the force, which allowed him to be a compassionate leader of a 62-member squad; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable public servant who treasures the camaraderie of his department, Police Chief Mike Williams appreciates nothing more than the lives he has touched and saved, including his most notable moment helping to save an individual's life from a house fire in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Mike Williams' people-first philosophy was

continuous; as Police Chief, community members often approached him to voice their opinions and ask for advice; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community as well as his profession, Police Chief Mike Williams has for many years been involved with the Special Olympics, volunteering his time and energies to this vital organization; 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 Police Chief Mike Williams upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Hamburg Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Police Chief Mike Williams.