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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Kevin B. Dobson Traffic Safety Award by the New York State Police

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those exemplary public servants who devote their lives to preserving and protecting such values; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Kevin B. Dobson Traffic Safety Award by the New York State Police to be celebrated at the 39th Annual Awards Day Ceremony on Monday, May 11, 2015, at the New York State Police Academy in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda has proudly served as a member of the New York State Police for over two decades; a vital leader with a passion for helping others, he has educated and affected thousands of motorists in his efforts to increase highway safety; and

WHEREAS, For the past 12 years, Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda has provided outstanding service to the Clarence Interstate Patrol, distinguishing himself in numerous areas of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda issued 945 tickets, of which 475 were for speeding violations; he also recorded the highest number of DWI arrests among all Troop A members; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda's efforts have been positively received both internally within the State Police and externally with its many partners; his extensive knowledge regarding motorcycle safety has resulted in several police agencies requesting State Police assistance

in public forums; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his law enforcement responsibilities, Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda serves as a member of the Troop A Motorcycle Detail, providing his leadership and professionalism at numerous dignitary, funeral, and charity events; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda continues to proudly serve his country as a 25-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps.; he has received 27 military decorations for his bravery including the Purple Heart, and the Presidential Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has expertly coordinated events for such worthy causes as the David Brinkerhoff and Jill Mattice Memorial, and the Ride-for-Roswell Cancer fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda has demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of Troopers across the community of the State of New York who serve and protect the public; 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 Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Kevin B. Dobson Traffic Safety Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trooper Michael J. Niezgoda.