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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring State Police Investigator Matthew J. Stegner upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation 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 Investigator Matthew J. Stegner upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police to be celebrated at the 39th Annual Awards Day Ceremony on Monday, May 11, 2015, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Matthew J. Stegner has proudly served as a member of the New York State Police since 2002; he is currently assigned to the State Police Machias Station, Troop A, and resides in Orchard Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2014, Investigator Matthew J. Stegner received a report that a 55-year-old woman was missing and possibly suicidal; and

WHEREAS, Reacting swiftly, Investigator Matthew J. Stegner posted a vulnerable missing persons alert to all local agencies, and contacted the missing woman's cellular provider to track her location due to exigent circumstances and concern for her welfare; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Matthew J. Stegner was able to obtain the missing woman's coordinates by utilizing a mapping program installed on her phone; he then rushed to this location and discovered the victim's car parked on a logging trail; a further search of the area led to the woman being found unconscious nearby; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Matthew J. Stegner tended to the woman who had a faint pulse after ingesting multiple bottles of prescription drugs; a call was then placed to the local fire department who extracted the victim and administered life saving medical attention; she later regained consciousness and made a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic actions, Investigator Matthew J. Stegner demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of public servants across the community of the State of New York who respond when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those extraordinary individuals 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 Investigator Matthew J. Stegner upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Investigator Matthew J. Stegner.