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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Investigator Joseph B. Maurer 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 Joseph B. Maurer 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 Joseph B. Maurer has proudly served as a member of the New York State Police since 2000, and is currently assigned to the State Police Lowville Station, Troop D, and resides in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2013, Investigator Joseph B. Maurer was contacted by distraught parents concerned that their 15-year-old daughter was involved in inappropriate contact with a man online; and

WHEREAS, Acting swiftly, Investigator Joseph B. Maurer arrived at the residence and interviewed the young woman who disclosed that she and three other girls had performed in videos over Skype for a subject believed to be a 16-year-old boy; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Joseph B. Maurer conducted a thorough investigation, holding further interviews with the girls involved, as well as their parents; all electronic devices were secured for analysis, and subpoenas were requested from the Jefferson County District Attorney's

Office for internet and cellular records; and

WHEREAS, Following the discovery that the perpetrator might be operating outside of New York State, Investigator Joseph B. Maurer worked closely with members of the Computer Crime Unit, and also requested assistance from the Syracuse office of the FBI; and

WHEREAS, On April 29, 2014, members of the FBI executed a search warrant at the home of a 41-year-old man in Marina, California; the suspect admitted to posing as a teenage boy in order to solicit underage girls; he pled guilty at trial to seven counts of child pornography; and

WHEREAS, The successful outcome of this case would not have been possible without Investigator Joseph B. Maurer's sensitivity while handling the victims and their families, as well as his sustained dedication and prudence in utilizing outside resources; and

WHEREAS, Through his exemplary efforts, Investigator Joseph B. Maurer 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 Joseph B. Maurer 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 Joseph B. Maurer.