

## 2015-J2870

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Jeffrey G. Berry upon the occasion of his retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to the citizens of Orange County, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those singular individuals who devote their purposeful lives and careers to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of their community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Orange County community has been ably served and uniquely enriched through the selfless dedication and benevolent concern of Judge Jeffrey G. Berry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Jeffrey G. Berry upon the occasion of his retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to the citizens of Orange County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey G. Berry is a graduate of SUNY New Paltz and the University of Tulsa School of Law; after obtaining his Juris Doctor, he served as Law Clerk to The Honorable Paul F. Murphy of the Orange County Family Court; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Jeffrey G. Berry became Judge of the Newburgh City Court where he rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the people of the Newburgh community for six years; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant was elected to the Orange County Court in 1991, where he ably served until 2010, before gaining re-election to an additional term from 2011 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2000, Judge Jeffrey G. Berry was appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge as Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, Orange County; he was also appointed as the Supervising Judge, City Courts, Ninth Judicial District in 2006; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure serving the people of Orange

County, Judge Jeffrey G. Berry was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Throughout a life and career of purposeful endeavor, Judge Jeffrey G. Berry has remained true to his commitment, serving family, faith and community, as well as the law; his contributions and accomplishments have brought great benefit and positive influence to bear upon the course of jurisprudence and the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, Firm in his commitment over 31 years, Judge Jeffrey G. Berry has remained dedicated to the betterment and progress of the Orange County community; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jeffrey G. Berry, in every capacity in which he served, has left his permanent mark on the criminal justice community and will forever be remembered as a determined, innovative and genuinely concerned expert in his field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Judge Jeffrey G. Berry upon the occasion of his retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to the citizens of Orange County, New York, and to extend its sincere gratitude for his contribution to the people of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Jeffrey G. Berry.