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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Administrator John E. Garvey upon the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service to Ontario County

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Administrator John E. Garvey upon the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service to Ontario County; and

WHEREAS, For over two decades, John E. Garvey has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Ontario County; in his capacity as County Administrator, he has served with loyalty, honor and distinction; he will officially retire on October 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, John E. Garvey earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Ithaca College; he received his master's degree in Industrial Labor Relations from Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, He furthered his education by attending the Senior Executive Institution, at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, From 1981-1984, John E. Garvey served as the Director of Personnel at Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua, New York; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the college, John E. Garvey held the position of Director of Employee Relations from 1984-1986 and subsequently Human Resource Director for the Coleman Company from 1984-1990; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, John E. Garvey began to work for Hon Industries, serving as Plant Manager for four years; and from March 17, 1994 to May 2, 2011, he held the title of Director of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, John E. Garvey then became the Director of Human

Resources for Ontario County from 1994-2011 and then became the Interim Ontario County Administrator in May of 2011 before he was promoted to the esteemed position of Ontario County Administrator, a title he will hold until his retirement on October 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, John E. Garvey was instrumental in the completion of several very large projects in Ontario County including joining the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, and managing the Viticulture Construction Project in Geneva, New York, as well as assisted and managed the first campus for the Finger Lakes Community College in Geneva; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, John E. Garvey helped complete the sale of the Ontario County Health Facility to the private sector; with the sale and the savings, the county was able to increase funding for programs which benefit senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, John E. Garvey also led Ontario County's Space Renovation Project which removed an area in the County Municipal Complex within the city of Canandaigua, New York, which in turn allowed for renovations for court personnel in the Ontario County Courthouse, saving the taxpayers money by not having to construct a new facility; and

WHEREAS, For his outstanding public service, John E. Garvey was the recipient of the 1986-1987 Outstanding Service to the Community Award from the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, and the New York State Civil Service Commission President's Achievement in Administration Award on June 6, 2006; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, John E. Garvey was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Ontario County, John E. Garvey earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout his life have been his wife Kate and their two daughters Christine and Meghan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John E. Garvey upon the occasion of his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service to Ontario County, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John E. Garvey.