

## 2015-J3150

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring M. James Dawson upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Supervisor for the Town of Brasher

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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor M. James Dawson upon the occasion of his retirement after 42 years of distinguished service as Supervisor for the Town of Brasher celebrated at an Open House on Sunday, December 27, 2015, at the Helena Fire Station, Helena, New York; and

WHEREAS, M. James Dawson began his illustrious tenure as Supervisor for the Town of Brasher on January 1, 1974, holding this esteemed post for over 10 terms; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to making a difference in the lives of the members of his community, M. James Dawson was first elected to a two-year term as Town Assessor in 1971, and also served as President of the St. Lawrence County Supervisors Association as well as St. Lawrence County Chairman in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, M. James Dawson assumed the mantle of leadership in 1973 by winning his first term as Supervisor for the Town of Brasher and never looking back; and

WHEREAS, During his extraordinary career as Supervisor for the Town of

Brasher, M. James Dawson tackled many projects including building a new municipal building, building a highway garage in Helena, upgrading the sewage treatment plant in Brasher and coordinating the arrival of the Helena Water District; and

WHEREAS, M. James Dawson was also instrumental in working with four neighboring towns to consolidate services for the health center, and, in the late 1970s, was successful in the building of new sidewalks in both Brasher and Helena; and

WHEREAS, Seven years ago, M. James Dawson started an annual car show that has grown in popularity; and

WHEREAS, For the past 42 years, Supervisor M. James Dawson rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the community; his leadership was instrumental in making his town a better place to live, as well as for providing sound fiscal management; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this remarkable man served the people of the Town of Brasher as Supervisor with honor, integrity, loyalty, dedication and distinction after gaining reelection to this position every year since 1973; and

WHEREAS, M. James Dawson has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, M. James Dawson was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those public servants 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 M. James Dawson upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished public service, and to wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to M. James Dawson.