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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chief James P. O'Neill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Irishman of the Year by the New York Police Department Emerald Society, Inc. on February 26, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Chief James P. O'Neill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Irishman of the Year by the New York Police Department Emerald Society, Inc., to be celebrated at its 63rd Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, February 26, 2016, at Leonard's of Great Neck; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Department James P. O'Neill was appointed to the New York City Transit Police Department in January of 1983, and began his illustrious career on patrol in Transit District 1; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his esteemed tenure with the Department, James P. O'Neill was promoted to Sergeant in September of 1987; Sergeant Special Assignment in April of 1991; Lieutenant in August of 1992; Lieutenant Special Assignment in August of 1995; Captain in November of 1997; Deputy Inspector in December of 2001; Inspector in August of 2003; Deputy Chief in October of 2005 and to Chief of Patrol on June 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Chief James P. O'Neill has served in Transit Districts 1, 3 and 11, as well as the 25th, 44th, 52nd and Central

Park Precincts, the Firearms Training Section, the Police Academy, Warrant Section, SATCOM Detective-Narcotics Operations, the Vice Enforcement Division, the Narcotics Division, the Fugitive Enforcement Division and the Office of the Police Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Chief James P. O'Neill holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and a Master of Public Administration degree from John Jay College; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Chief James P. O'Neill has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of his community which Chief James P. O'Neill has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants 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 Chief James P. O'Neill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Irishman of the Year by the New York Police Department Emerald Society, Inc. on February 26, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief James P. O'Neill.