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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sheriff Gary T. Maha upon the occasion of his retirement after 49 years of distinguished service to Genesee County

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 honor Sheriff Gary T. Maha upon the occasion of his retirement after 49 years of distinguished service to Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, Gary T. Maha earned his Associate degree in Police Science from Genesee Community College and his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Empire State College, State University of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Gary T. Maha graduated from the 91st Session of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; throughout the years, he furthered his education by attending numerous law enforcement and corrections training courses; in 1995, he graduated from the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (L.E.E.D.S.); and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Gary T. Maha started his law enforcement career as a civilian dispatcher/teletype operator with the New York State Police in Batavia, New York; one year later, he was appointed a Deputy Sheriff with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Batavia; and

WHEREAS, After two years, Deputy Sheriff Gary T. Maha was made a Senior Investigator, and was placed in command of the Investigative Session; in 1977, he was promoted to Chief Deputy, third in command of the Sheriff's Office and in charge of the Criminal Division; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1988, Chief Deputy Gary T. Maha was appointed to the position of Interim Sheriff by then Governor Mario Cuomo, and was subsequently duly elected in November of 1988; since then, he has been re-elected to six successive four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his profession, Sheriff Gary T. Maha held the position of President of the New York State Sheriffs' Association and served as the Vice Chair of the Criminal Justice Information Services Committee for the National Sheriffs' Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Sheriff Gary T. Maha was appointed by former Governor George Pataki as a member of the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council, and two years later, he became part of the New York State 9-1-1 Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sheriff Gary T. Maha serves as a member of the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council, the New York State Executive Committee on Counter Terrorism and is co-Chair of New York State Counter Terrorism Zone 10 (Genesee, Wyoming and Livingston Counties); he also holds the position of Chairman of the Genesee County Traffic Safety Board; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable public servant, is also a participant of the Genesee County Magistrates' Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, the F.B.I. National Academy Associates, and the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, as well as the American Correctional Association; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the community in which he lives, Sheriff Gary T. Maha held the title of President of the Kiwanis Club of Batavia, and currently, serves on the Board of Directors for the Kiwanis Club of Batavia; and

WHEREAS, A proud alumnus of Genesee Community College, Sheriff Gary T. Maha is a vital member of the Genesee Community College Ventures Committee and the Genesee Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Committee; for his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to the College, he was inducted into the Genesee Community College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008; and

WHEREAS, For his sincere dedication and substantial role as a community leader, Sheriff Gary T. Maha has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2008 Distinguished Citizen Award by the Iroquois Trail Council, Boys Scouts of America; in 2012, he was inducted into the Pembroke Central School Alumni Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Susan, and his two daughters, Kelly and Catherine, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; 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 Sheriff Gary T. Maha upon the occasion of his retirement after 49 years of distinguished service to Genesee County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sheriff Gary T. Maha.