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Assembly Resolution No. 1015

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CELEBRATING the enduring efforts of the Detective Brian "Smiles" Simonsen Foundation, and expressing its deepest gratitude for the contributions of Detective Brian P. Simonsen and the foundation which bears his name

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation in recognition of the charitable efforts of the Detective Brian "Smiles" Simonsen Foundation and the lasting impacts of Detective Brian "Smiles" Simonsen to his community, to the youth, and to the law enforcement family; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body remembers the passing of Detective Brian P. Simonsen, a lifelong resident of Riverhead, New York, who died in the line of duty on February 12, 2019, at the age of 42; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Detective Brian P. Simonsen, a 19-year veteran of the 102nd Precinct in Queens, was off duty, selflessly responding to a robbery call; and

WHEREAS, The Detective Brian "Smiles" Simonsen Foundation was created to preserve Detective Simonsen's legacy; and

WHEREAS, Nicknamed "Smiles" for his contagious grin, cheerful

disposition and the innate ability to positively influence everyone he met, Brian P. Simonsen was the epitome of goodness; the primary mission of the foundation is to never forget him and to "Do Good" while spreading smiles; and

WHEREAS, His foundation holds and participates in fundraisers that bring together the Law enforcement community in mutual solidarity, using proceeds towards the foundation's mission to buy safety gear for K-9 working dogs, award college scholarships to deserving students from Riverhead High School, and donation are made to the marine rescue center in Riverhead which helps rescue animals who have been impacted by pollution and other human activities which in turn will improve animal welfare and inspire compassion, two beautiful qualities Brian portrayed during his life; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the foundation holds Youth Field Days to encourage athletic development and community building in the 102nd Precinct; and

WHEREAS, Detective Brian P. Simonsen spent his entire career with the NYPD in the 102nd Precinct, in Queens, New York, starting as a uniformed patrol before being promoted to Detective; he was loved and admired by both his community as well as the entire NYPD, which were all extremely dear to his heart; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Dr. Paul M. Simonsen, and his sister, Melissa Simonsen, Brian P. Simonsen is survived by his loving

wife, Leanne Simonsen; his mother, Linda Simonsen; and his grandfather, Vernon Petersen; and

WHEREAS, Brian P. Simonsen was always the first to step up and

assist family, friends or strangers; he was kind, compassionate and loving, and found the best in everyone and everything; he adored his family, treasured his friends and coworkers but above all loved the life he made with his wife, Leanne; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Brian P. Simonsen leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the enduring efforts of the Detective Brian "Smiles" Simonsen Foundation, and to express its deepest gratitude for the contributions of Detective Brian P. Simonsen and the foundation which bears his name; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Detective Brian P. Simonsen.