

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending David H. Pendergast upon the occasion of his retirement as Lewis County Manager in May of 2013

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend David H. Pendergast upon the occasion of his retirement as Lewis County Manager in May of 2013; and

WHEREAS, David H. Pendergast has been the Lewis County Manager since 2008; his overall career encompasses 34 years of distinguished public service at local, state and federal levels, which earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, David H. Pendergast's illustrious public service roles include serving as Chief of Staff to two county executives, Deputy Commissioner of Aviation/Oneida County, Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 17 years as Assistant Executive Director and then Executive Director of New York State Soil and Water Conservation and 22 years as Commodities Coordinator for the New York Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, In addition, David H. Pendergast was Supervisor for the Town of Fulton, a County Legislator in the Schoharie County Legislature and a member of the Middleburgh School Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The son of H. Joseph and Doris Pendergast, David H. Pendergast comes from a long family tradition of serving the public good; his father was a County Extension Agent in Lewis County and his grandfather, Albert Schoff, served for many years as the Lewis County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his public service career, David H. Pendergast served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his daughters, Sarah (Joel) Bramer, Kathleen (JJ) Meredith and Joanne (Josh) Gravelle, as well as his three grandchildren, Luke, Megan and Noah, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, David H. Pendergast is looking forward to spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, as well as increased fishing time; 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 commend David H. Pendergast upon the occasion of his retirement as Lewis County Manager in May of 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David H. Pendergast.