

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring State Police Investigator Todd Grant upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those exemplary public servants who devote their lives to preserving and protecting such values; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Investigator Todd Grant, who is assigned to the Oneida County Child Advocacy Center, and resides in Clay, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Todd Grant has been selected for his prestigious award because of his tireless efforts to save a troubled teenager from a life of prostitution and drug addiction, and for his success in dismantling a sex trafficking ring; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Todd Grant was recognized for his outstanding police work at the 37th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony, at the New York State Police Academy on May 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, On February 20, 2012, Investigator Todd Grant was advised that an Oneida County mother reported to police that her 16-year-old daughter, who had run away from home, was being forced into drugs and prostitution; and

WHEREAS, Through interviews with the teenagers at the Office of Children and Family Services, Investigator Todd Grant learned that the girl had been picked up on the streets of Utica by a taxicab driver and taken to a house, where she was eventually injected with drugs and sold for sex through an online site; and

WHEREAS, During a year-long investigation that included the use of toll analysis and internet searches, Investigator Todd Grant was able to identify nine individuals who had been involved in the teenager's exploitation; and

WHEREAS, With the help of State Police Marcy, Troop D, Investigators and the Oneida County District Attorney's Office, all nine suspects were arrested and charged with various sex crimes for their involvement in the prostitution ring; the three main suspects in the network were charged with B-Felony Sex Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the finest traditions of the New York State Police Department, Investigator Todd Grant has distinguished himself by his dedication and his exemplary service to protect the citizens of the Central New York community; and

WHEREAS, The courageous and dedicated efforts of public servants, such as Investigator Todd Grant, who have devoted their lives to protecting the lives of others, are worthy of the praise and recognition of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Investigator Todd Grant upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award, at the 37th Annual New York State Police Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on May 16, 2013, in Albany, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Investigator Todd Grant.