

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police

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 Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police to be celebrated at the 41st Annual Awards Day Ceremony on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at the State Police Academy, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2016, Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski was informed by Troop NYC Communications of an explosion on West 23rd Street between 6th and 7th Avenues in the Chelsea section of Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski was then directed to report to West 23rd Street and 7th Avenue where NYPD were mobilizing additional police units in a search of a possible secondary improvised explosive device; and

WHEREAS, After monitoring a report from NYPD Central Dispatch of a possible secondary explosive device on West 27th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues, Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski, being in the immediate vicinity, quickly responded and began surveying the area for anything suspicious; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski located a pressure cooker wrapped in duct tape and immediately identified the object as a possible improvised explosive device; without hesitation or regard for his own safety he stopped traffic on West 27th Street and ordered all pedestrians to clear the area; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski then radioed NYPD Central Dispatch and requested assistance from the Bomb Squad, who later confirmed the item to be an unexploded improvised explosive device; subsequent examination of the device yielded critical evidence that was instrumental in the identification and arrest of the individual responsible for these acts; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic actions, Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of public servants across the community of the State of New York who respond when others are in need

of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those extraordinary individuals 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 Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski.