

**BY:** Senator SEWARD

**MOURNING** the death of Investigator Michael P. Petrie, New York State Trooper, family man, and dedicated member of his community

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family, Herkimer County, and the New York State Police Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael P. Petrie of Little Falls, New York, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at the age of 45; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael "Mike" P. Petrie was born on September 25, 1972, to Joyce A. (Vickery) Petrie and the late David W. Petrie, Sr. in Little Falls where he attended high school; after graduating in 1990, he earned his associate's degree from Herkimer County Community College; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike P. Petrie worked with his friend, Mark Mornelli, at Floor & Furniture Restoration, and was employed as a mechanic for the former Skinner Ford; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike P. Petrie began his distinguished law enforcement career as a patrolman for both the City of Little Falls and Village of Dolgeville Police Departments; he entered the New York State Police on September 9, 2002, as a member of the 187th Session; and

**WHEREAS,** After graduating from the New York State Police Academy in March of 2003, Mike P. Petrie was assigned to Troop D, Zone 1, SP Marcy for his field training; upon completion, he was transferred to Zone 3 at SP Alexandria Bay; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2004, Mike P. Petrie was again transferred to Z-1, and stationed at SP Herkimer until his appointment to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) as an investigator on June 16, 2016, and transferred once again to SP Marcy; and

**WHEREAS,** On August 25, 2016, Mike P. Petrie attained the permanent rank of sergeant and remained in his current assignment in the BCI; during his time as a trooper, he also served as a crime scene technician and was a valued member of the Collision Reconstruction Unit; and

**WHEREAS,** A kind and generous man, Mike P. Petrie was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need; his friends and family members would take their cars to Mike, and he would happily use his mechanic skills to take care of any problems; and

**WHEREAS,** An avid outdoorsman, Mike P. Petrie enjoyed spending time working on his land, and repairing old tractors, especially John Deeres; he could often be found riding his four-wheeler "up over the hill" with

a dog or two chasing behind him; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike P. Petrie also loved to restore antique snowmobiles, and was a member of the Shumaker Mt. Hill Climbers Snowmobile Club; and

**WHEREAS,** On December 16, 2017, Mike P. Petrie and the love of his life, the former Elizabeth McKeon were married in a touching ceremony put together by their devoted families; and

**WHEREAS,** Above all, Mike P. Petrie loved his wife, his many friends, and family; each year he looked forward to attending his family's cider parties; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by his father, David W. Petrie, Sr., Michael P. Petrie is survived by his mother, Joyce Petrie; his wife, Elizabeth Petrie; three brothers, David W. Petrie, Jr., Richard (Melissa) Petrie, and Ronald (Lisa) Petrie; four sisters, Elaine (Donald) Lippert, Karen (James) Filipski, Julie (Nathan) King, and Laura (Jon) Hargrave; his mother-in-law, Anne McKeon; two sisters-in-law, Tiffany (Brandon Rickard) Lawrence and Holly (Nick Salamone) Lawrence; several nieces and nephews; and his two dogs, Hattie and Oscar; as well as a legion of fellow officers and friends who will always remember his good deeds and generous nature; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Mike P. Petrie 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 mourn the death of Investigator Michael P. Petrie, New York State Trooper, family man, and devoted member of his community, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State, and expressing its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Investigator Michael P. Petrie.