

BY: Senator AKSHAR

HONORING Deputy Emily Zielewicz in recognition of her prompt and heroic actions in saving the life of a New York State Trooper who was shot during an incident in the Town of Colesville, New York, on June 9, 2021

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary police officers who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deputy Emily Zielewicz in recognition of her prompt and heroic actions in saving the life of a New York State Trooper who was shot during an incident in the Town of Colesville, New York; and

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2021, Emily Zielewicz, a Deputy with the Broome County Sheriff's Office, responded to a call in the Town of Colesville for a suspicious incident with a male drawing things in the roadway with chalk; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival, the male fled the area and eventually armed himself with a rifle; Deputy Emily Zielewicz, along with other law enforcement units from the Sheriff's office and the New York State Police, established a perimeter to contain the suspicious male pending further investigation; and

WHEREAS, The male fired his rifle multiple times in an unknown direction during the incident; he then fired a rifle round, striking Trooper Becky Seager, who was further south from Deputy Emily Zielewicz's location; and

WHEREAS, Upon hearing Trooper Seager on the radio advising she had been shot in the hip, Deputy Emily Zielewicz, without hesitation, drove her patrol car to Trooper Seager's location; and

WHEREAS, Arriving mere minutes after the shooting, Deputy Emily Zielewicz quickly approached Trooper Seager and assessed her condition; she began first aid procedures by applying a tourniquet to her left leg while calling out details on the suspect who fled south along the river; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Shafer and other Troopers responded thereafter and

together they loaded Trooper Seager into Deputy Emily Zielewicz's patrol car for immediate evacuation to a hospital; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Emily Zielewicz, while extricating Trooper Seager, took fire from the suspect; she relayed the suspects location to other law enforcement personnel in the area and continued to coordinate with dispatchers on a rendezvous point to meet an ambulance; she continued to provide first aid to Trooper Seager and reassurance that assistance was on its way; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival of EMS, Trooper Seager was placed in an ambulance and Deputy Emily Zielewicz immediately returned to the scene to assist other law enforcement units who were actively engaged in gunfire exchange with the suspect; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Emily Zielewicz disregarded her own safety when she immediately went to the aid of Trooper Seager, despite the shooter still being at large in the immediate area; and

WHEREAS, This brave public servant's heroism is beyond reproach and the survival of Trooper Seager can be attributed to her actions; and

WHEREAS, Through her heroic actions, Deputy Emily Zielewicz demonstrated her 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 Deputy Emily Zielewicz in recognition of her prompt and heroic actions on June 9, 2021, noting the significance of her selfless contributions which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Broome County Sheriff's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Emily Zielewicz, Broome County Sheriff's Office.