

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Chief Kevin C. Beach upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service to the Rome Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chief Kevin C. Beach upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service to the Rome Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Kevin C. Beach was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Rome in 2008 at just 36 years old, making him one of the youngest men ever appointed as the department's Chief; after 13 years in this esteemed position, one of the longest tenures in the city's history, he will officially retire at the end of January 2022; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rome, Kevin C. Beach graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1989, before partnering with his father Bruce Beach, who was also a longtime member of the Rome Police Department, and several others to run their own contracting business; and

WHEREAS, After serving as a Correctional Officer at the Oneida County Jail, Kevin C. Beach began his illustrious career in law enforcement as a patrolman for his hometown police department in September of 1994; and

WHEREAS, Kevin C. Beach climbed the ranks to become detective commander in 2005, and deputy chief in 2007; one year later, he was promoted to Chief of Department; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Chief Kevin C. Beach steadfastly led the strong push by his department to engage more with the citizens of Rome, introducing such ideas as Shop with a Cop, Law Enforcement Day and the Community Impact Unit; and

WHEREAS, Chief Kevin C. Beach, with his proficient leadership and love for the City of Rome, truly epitomized the roll of a community police officer; he tirelessly and selflessly served the residents of his beloved community with compassion, integrity, and fairness, attributes which will forever serve as an example for his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Alison, and their children, Kelsey, Emily, Abby and Kevin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants 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 Chief Kevin C. Beach upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Kevin C. Beach.