

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Lieutenant Michael Sowich upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the Oneida County Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers from the State of New York put their lives on the line day in and day out for the citizens of this great Empire State; and

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; Officer Michael Sowich is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lieutenant Michael Sowich upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the Oneida County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Lieutenant Michael Sowich epitomized the role and accentuated the ideals of an outstanding community police officer; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Michael Sowich began his career in the Oneida County Sheriff's Office; he was then promoted to Sergeant in 2001 before earning the rank of Lieutenant in 2011, the esteemed position from which he will retire; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous Good Conduct, Honorable Service, Ready Commendation and Outstanding Attendance awards and accolades throughout his distinguished career, Lieutenant Michael Sowich has received a multitude of departmental recognitions for his outstanding service to the citizens of Oneida County; his accomplishments are both numerous and notable; 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 Lieutenant Michael Sowich 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 Lieutenant Michael Sowich.