

BY: Senator STEC

CONGRATULATING Essex County Clerk Joseph A. Provoncha upon the occasion of becoming the most senior County Clerk in New York State on January 1, 2021

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Essex County Clerk Joseph A. Provoncha upon the occasion of becoming the most senior County Clerk in New York State on Friday, January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he works, Joseph A. Provoncha serves Essex County with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Provoncha began his illustrious career in public service on January 1, 1992, as a County Clerk, serving the interests of the people of the Empire State as a trusted voice; and

WHEREAS, Instrumental in the positive transformation of the region, Joseph A. Provoncha has advocated and partnered with countless individuals and organizations to seek opportunities for the local community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, January 1, 2021, Joseph A. Provoncha will become the most senior County Clerk in New York State, having served the longest of all County Clerks currently in office; and

WHEREAS, In addition to County Clerk, this impressive man has also held such titles as Agent for the Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner, Records Management Officer, Commissioner of Jurors and Commissioner of Youth Services; and

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Provoncha has been presented with many awards and accolades, including the Liberty Bell Award by the Essex County BAR Association in both 1997 and 2014; he was also awarded the NYS Archives and the Archives Partnership Trust - William H. Kelley Annual Archives Award for excellence in local government archival program development in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Through the New York State Association of County Clerks (NYSACC), this prestigious man was the Association's President in 2000, and has served as its Recording Secretary since 2006; additionally, he was named Clerk of the Year in 1996, and was awarded the Lifetime

Achievement Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Joseph A. Provoncha has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Joseph A. Provoncha, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Essex County Clerk Joseph A. Provoncha upon the occasion of becoming the most senior County Clerk in New York State on January 1, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Essex County Clerk Joseph A. Provoncha.