

**BY:** Senator AKSHAR

**CONGRATULATING** Eric M. Kelley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to Broome County

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens 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,** Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Eric M. Kelley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to Broome County; 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; Eric M. Kelley is one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** An alumnus of Binghamton Central High School's Class of 1979, Eric M. Kelley went on to earn an AAS in Criminal Justice from North Country Community College in 1982, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Binghamton University in 1986; and

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, he graduated from the Broome County Law Enforcement Academy in 1997, and has obtained several law enforcement certifications and completed many seminars and trainings throughout his career; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to working in the District Attorney's Office, Eric M. Kelley served as an Investigator with the Broome County Public Defender's Office from 1987 to 1997, focusing on investigating felony and misdemeanor crimes from a defense perspective; and

**WHEREAS,** Eric M. Kelley began his illustrious career as an Investigator with the Broome County District Attorney's Office in 1997, the esteemed position from which he retired in 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** In this capacity, Eric M. Kelley was involved in felony and misdemeanor crimes, specifically in the interrogation of suspects and interviewing witnesses, the gathering and management of evidence, drafting and executing warrants, making arrests, and other law enforcement related duties; and

**WHEREAS,** For more than three decades, Eric M. Kelley has been a dedicated and valuable asset to both the Broome County District Attorney's Office and the Broome County Public Defender's Office; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his work in County government, Eric M. Kelley has served as an Adjunct Professor for SUNY Broome Community College since 2006, where he taught Criminal Investigation, a lecture and lab class instructing students on the basic principles of the tactics, strategies, and techniques of criminal investigations; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Eric M. Kelley has served as a member of the New York State Fraternal Order of Police, including terms as President and Sergeant at Arms; he has also been a member of the Vestal Elks Lodge No. 2508 and Sons of the American Legion, and previously volunteered with the Vestal Junior Winter Guard and as an assistant coach for the Vestal Youth Girls Softball League; and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout have been his wife, Patty, and their two daughters Danielle and Erin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his 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 congratulate Eric M. Kelley upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to Broome County, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eric M. Kelley.