

Senate Resolution No. 451

BY: Senator AKSHAR

COMMENDING A. Wesley Jones upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as Emergency Management Director of the City of Norwich

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished 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, 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend A. Wesley Jones upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as Emergency Management Director of the City of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, A. Wesley Jones began his long and distinguished career with the City of Norwich as Assistant Emergency Management Officer on April 21, 1995; he was elevated to a paid position eight months later, and then in January of 1997, he assumed the role of Emergency Management Director, the position from which he will officially retire on April 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Since A. Wesley Jones first started with the City of Norwich, emergency management has evolved and is now integrated into every facet of emergency planning, response, recovery and mitigation; a calming voice and well-respected in his field, he will be sorely missed by all those he worked with and each and every resident in the community who has relied on his expertise; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, A. Wesley Jones spent numerous hours under extreme conditions whether it be a national crisis such as the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, or various natural disasters which include a 300-year record flood, followed by a 500-year record flood, several other flood events, record snow storms, severe storms, a tornado in the city and currently, a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Under A. Wesley Jones' able leadership, 27 federal disasters have been declared for Chenango County, in nearly two-thirds of which the city was impacted and received funding from the federal and state governments; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commend A. Wesley Jones upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as Emergency Management Director of the City of Norwich, 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 A. Wesley Jones.