

**BY:** M. of A. Conrad

**CELEBRATING** the life and accomplishments of Captain Christine Milosich, dedicated public servant and devoted member of her community

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous officer who dedicated her purposeful life and career in faithful service to her family, Erie County and the Town of Tonawanda Police Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Christine "Chrissy" Milosich died on Monday, March 1, 2021, at the age of 39; and

**WHEREAS,** After graduating from Kenmore West High School in 1999, Christine Milosich majored in criminal justice at Hilbert College; and

**WHEREAS,** Christine Milosich then began her esteemed career in law enforcement as an intern for the Kenmore Police Department; in 2008, she was hired by the Town of Tonawanda Police Department (TTPD), and months later, graduated from the Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her tenure with the TTPD, Christine Milosich served as a field training officer for recruits, received many letters of appreciation, and earned a commendation for preventing a distraught woman from jumping off a train bridge in Tonawanda; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2017, this compassionate and highly skilled officer was promoted to Lieutenant, making her the first woman in TTPD to earn this rank; three years later, amid the global pandemic, Lieutenant Milosich was assigned to a command post, as Community Services Lieutenant, a previously defunct role in the department; and

**WHEREAS,** In this capacity, Lieutenant Christine Milosich was instrumental in transforming the department's relations with the community by posting regular Facebook Live talks for the public's benefit, organizing a town-wide outdoor scavenger hunt to help local children through the upheaval of that summer, and assisted with the town's effort to collect public input on its reform plan for the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the occasion of her death after a battle with cancer, Lieutenant Christine Milosich was posthumously promoted to the rank of Captain, once again, the first woman in the TTPD to do so; and

**WHEREAS,** Christine Milosich is survived by her husband, Joe Milosich, her parents, her brothers, and many other loved ones and friends, who will long cherish her memory; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her meritorious life, Christine Milosich touched

many through her kindness and commitment to service, and, as we recall the loss of this strong trailblazer, we memorialize her remarkable life and the enormous impact she had on everyone with whom she came in contact; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of a courageous police officer who dedicated her purposeful life and career in faithful service to her family and community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Captain Christine Milosich, dedicated public servant and devoted member of her community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Captain Christine Milosich.