

**BY:** M. of A. Schmitt

**HONORING** Investigator John O'Brien upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Sheriffs Association Deputy of the Year Award

**WHEREAS,** New York State has long been committed to supporting its law enforcement professionals; and

**WHEREAS,** The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering loyalty and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Investigator John O'Brien upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Sheriffs Association Deputy of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS,** This prestigious award is presented to outstanding members of law enforcement who perform meritorious acts in the line of duty; Investigator John O'Brien is one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** While assigned to the US Marshal Service Regional Task Force, Investigator John O'Brien executed a violent felony warrant on a subject wanted in connection with the shooting of a Massachusetts State Trooper; when the wanted subject fired a handgun and struck two members of service, Investigator O'Brien rendered first aid, applying a tourniquet to an injured officer and removing him from the scene to awaiting medical personnel; and

**WHEREAS,** Investigator John O'Brien's prompt and heroic actions under hostile conditions were truly instrumental in saving the life of another member of service who sustained life threatening gunshot wounds; and

**WHEREAS,** The great State of New York is fortunate to have brave public servants who risk their lives in the line of duty each day to protect the residents of our communities; no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who are willing to put service over self; 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 Investigator John O'Brien upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Sheriffs Association Deputy of the Year

Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Investigator John O'Brien.