

Assembly Resolution No. 461

**BY:** M. of A. Santabarbara

**MOURNING** the untimely death of Trooper James J. Monda, committed law enforcement officer and devoted member of his 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 and hardworking police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to the residents of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of James J. Monda, a native of Rotterdam, New York, who accidentally drowned on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at the age of 45; and

**WHEREAS,** Veteran Trooper James J. Monda, a Princetown-based member of a marine patrol unit since 2017, went into the Great Sacandaga Lake wearing dive gear for reasons that are unknown to authorities; and

**WHEREAS,** Trooper James J. Monda entered the water at a launch on Bunker Hill Road and never resurfaced; he was pulled from the water and taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead; and

**WHEREAS,** James J. Monda, who joined the New York State Police in 2002, spent most of his career in Troop G, the largest troop in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Well-liked by all, Trooper James J. Monda was highly regarded and sincerely respected amongst his peers and by those he served and protected; a conscientious and dedicated officer, he was selected for some of the most sought-after State Police assignments, such as the State Fair and the Marine Patrol assignment, which is separate from the State Police Dive Team; and

**WHEREAS,** Trooper James J. Monda was forever dependable, loyal, and kind, three extraordinary attributes that made him an amazing police officer; he is survived by his fiancée and his parents; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, James J. Monda leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Trooper James J. Monda, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the family of Trooper James J. Monda.