

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Ernest Conover upon the occasion of his retirement as Public Works Commissioner after more than 35 years of distinguished public service to the City of Rome, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ernest Conover upon the occasion of his retirement as Public Works Commissioner after more than 35 years of distinguished public service to the City of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ernest "Butch" Conover began his illustrious career with the City of Rome as Director of Weights and Measures in 1989; he then became Supervisor of Water and Sewer in 1990, a position he held for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Butch Conover was promoted to Superintendent of Public Works overseeing all daily administrative functions including yearly budget, equipment and inventory purchases, maintenance and repairs involving 272 miles of water main distribution, sanitary/storm sewers, and streets; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Butch Conover was also responsible for the administration and implementation of Safety Grants, as well as the administration of the GIS Network, including local Intranet GIS Server development, data acquisition and GPS data collecting; he retired from this esteemed position in 2012; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Butch Conover was recognized by the New York State GIS Association with its annual Outstanding Achievement Award for his efforts in establishing both a GIS Steering Committee at the City of Rome, and developing a digital infrastructure management system for the city using a geographic information system; and

WHEREAS, Butch Conover also brings private sector experience through his work with Turning Stone Casino and Resort as a Computer Aided Design Technician, and later as an Outside Marketing Representative for E.J. Prescott, a water, sewer and storm product distributor; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his career with the City of Rome, Butch Conover was the owner and manager of Fort Stanwix Auto Supply from 1973 until 1989; and

WHEREAS, Through his dedication and tireless efforts, Butch Conover has helped make the City of Rome a place where families want to live,

tourists want to visit, and businesses want to locate; his unwavering commitment, willingness and ability to understand and respond to the concerns of the people of Rome, have made a substantial contribution to the betterment of this community; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Butch Conover rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the City of Rome, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Butch Conover over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate honor Ernest Conover upon the occasion of his retirement, 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 Ernest Conover.