

BY: Senator ORTT

CONGRATULATING Police Chief John J. Swick upon the occasion of his retirement after 46 years of distinguished service to the Middleport Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Police Chief John J. Swick upon the occasion of his retirement after 46 years of distinguished service to the Middleport Police Department, to be celebrated with a Ceremony in his honor on Friday, June 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, deserve the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Chief John J. Swick is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, John J. Swick began his illustrious career with the Middleport Police Department on March 23, 1978; he was promoted to the esteemed position of Police Chief in March of 1987; over the years, 75 police officers have worked under his able leadership; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Chief John J. Swick was successful in implementing the School Resource Officer program at Royalton-Hartland Central School; furthermore, in 2014, he was named Lawman of the Year by the Niagara County Police and Judge's Association after saving a family of four from a burning building; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Chief John J. Swick has been a member of the Niagara County Traffic Safety Committee since 1990, and has served as chairman of the Traffic Safety committee since 2009; he is also a past President of the Niagara County Police Chief Association, and has been an Elder at Hartland Bible Church since 2010; and

WHEREAS, For 46 years, Chief John J. Swick rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Middleport Police Department, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his first wife of 35 years, the late JoAnne,

with him throughout have been his wife, Wende, as well as his three children, John, Grace, and Jeffrey, and six grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Chief John J. Swick, with his proficient leadership and love for the Village of Middleport, truly epitomized the roll of a community police officer; he tirelessly and selflessly served the residents of his beloved community with compassion, integrity, and fairness, attributes which will forever serve as an example for his fellow officers; 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 congratulate Police Chief John J. Swick upon the occasion of his retirement after 46 years of distinguished service to the Middleport Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Police Chief John J. Swick.