

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING First Sergeant Christopher E. Williams
upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of
the George M. Searle Memorial Award by the New York
State Police Department on May 16, 2024

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers from the State of New York put
their lives on the line day in and day out for the citizens of this
great Empire State; and

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,
deserve the respect and admiration of their community for their
exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; First Sergeant
Christopher E. Williams of Marcy, New York, is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor First
Sergeant Christopher E. Williams upon the occasion of his designation as
recipient of the George M. Searle Memorial Award by the New York State
Police Department, to be celebrated at its 48th Annual Superintendent's
Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the
University at the State Police Academy in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award was established to honor the late
Deputy Superintendent George M. Searle, and it is presented to
individuals who have distinguished themselves in training and education;
and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Christopher E. Williams entered the State
Police Academy on May 4, 1998; and

WHEREAS, On October 15, 2023, State Police Cazenovia Academy
welcomed 286 recruits into its 214th Class, marking only the second time
in the agency's history a training took place at an auxiliary academy;
as a vital member of the officer team, First Sergeant Christopher E.
Williams' role in transitioning Cazenovia College into a State Police
Basic Training Program was indispensable; and

WHEREAS, Despite a challenging time frame, First Sergeant
Christopher E. Williams effectively managed numerous tasks, including
personnel selection, building maintenance, coordination with property
management, facility cleaning, internet and phone system installation,
school/community outreach, as well as policy development, all within 55
working days; and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Christopher E. Williams' creative input was invaluable as he transformed the campus into a State Police facility adorned with memorabilia reflecting the rich history of the New York State Police, and memorializing its fallen members; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, his energy, positive attitude, interpersonal skills, and problem-solving abilities played a crucial role in the success of this event, and reflect the finest traditions of the New York State Police; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated efforts of public servants, such as First Sergeant Christopher E. Williams, who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy of the full praise of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor First Sergeant Christopher E. Williams upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the George M. Searle Memorial Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to First Sergeant Christopher E. Williams.