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MOURNING the death of Mark Robert Smith, devoted public servant, accomplished professional, and esteemed member of the Johnsbury community

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of Mark Robert Smith, a respected public servant and community leader, who died peacefully at his home on January 26, 2026, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 3, 1963, in Amsterdam, New York, Mark Robert Smith was the son of the late Robert Smith and Norma (Hubschmitt) Smith, and throughout his life exemplified dedication, intellect, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, Mark Smith was educated in New York State, graduating from Canajoharie High School in 1981, and later earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Clarkson University, achievements which laid the foundation for a distinguished professional career; and

WHEREAS, Following his academic pursuits, Mark Smith honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1986 to 1989, attaining the rank of Lieutenant, reflecting his commitment to leadership and public duty; and

WHEREAS, Mark Smith went on to build an accomplished career in international business and pharmaceutical research and development, most recently serving as President of Global Pharma Solutions, LLC, and previously working abroad in Japan as a business development and project manager; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional achievements, Mark Smith was an author whose published works reflected his thoughtful engagement with history, governance, and global commerce, further demonstrating his intellectual curiosity and dedication to informed civic discourse; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to public service at the local and county levels, Mark Smith served as Town Supervisor of Johnsbury and was an active participant on the Warren County Board of Supervisors, as well as a board member of the Warren County Local Development Corporation and the Warren-Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency; and

WHEREAS, Through his service, Mark Smith earned the respect of colleagues and constituents alike for his diligence, fairness, and independent thinking, and he brought insight, professionalism, and integrity to every role he undertook; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his public and professional life, Mark Smith found joy in playing the guitar, studying history, and spending time outdoors, pursuits that reflected his well-rounded character and appreciation for both creativity and nature; and

WHEREAS, Mark Smith is survived by his mother, Norma; his children, Abraham Alexander Smith, Yuri Smith, and Ami Smith; his brother, David F. Smith; his sister, Polly I. Smith; his longtime friend, Barbara Corrigan; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins, to whom he was a source of love, guidance, and support; and

WHEREAS, Mark Robert Smith's death is mourned by all who had the privilege of knowing him and working alongside him, and his legacy of service, integrity, and commitment to the public good will long be remembered throughout the Town of Johnsbury and Warren County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Mark Robert Smith, and to honor his life, his service to the people of New York State, and his lasting contributions to his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Mark Robert Smith.