

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing the Third Annual Lewis County Police Appreciation Ceremony, to be held on Police Appreciation Day, May 17, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the long-standing efforts of law enforcement in the State of New York which diligently contributes to the efficient operation of our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Annually, National Police Week and National Police Day, honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safe-guarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, Since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, On National Police Day, May 17, 2013, the Lewis County Police Appreciation Committee will be holding its third consecutive evening of recognition for fallen, retired and active law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, At the Third Annual Lewis County Police Appreciation Ceremony, fallen officers and their families will be honored by live bagpipe music, guest speakers and displayed historical pictures of police agencies and employees; an essay contest is also sponsored for all sixth graders in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, The Lewis County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, Lowville Village Police, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and New York State Forest Rangers will be participating in the Third Annual Lewis County Police Appreciation Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, In addition, during National Police Week, May 12-18, 2013, all businesses and residences in Lewis County are asked to decorate with blue lights and ribbons in honor of fallen, retired and active law enforcement personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Third Annual Lewis County Police Appreciation Ceremony; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the Third Annual Lewis County Police Appreciation Ceremony, to be held on Police Appreciation Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Lewis County Police Appreciation Committee.