

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Chief Gregory G. Wickett upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the Town of Hamburg Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens 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 Chief Gregory G. Wickett upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the Town of Hamburg Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Gregory G. Wickett began his illustrious law enforcement career in 1987, fulfilling his life long dream to become a police officer; he spent 22 years on road patrol, with the exception of a short stint in the Detective Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Rising through the ranks to hold every position within the department, Gregory G. Wickett was promoted to Lieutenant in October of 1998, and Detective Lieutenant in February of 2005; one year later, in August of 2006, he requested to return to the Patrol Division where his true passion lies; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2009, Gregory G. Wickett was promoted to Captain, during which time he commanded both the Patrol Division and the Administrative Division, before his final promotion to Chief, the esteemed position from which he will officially retire in January of 2020; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 33 years, Gregory G. Wickett rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Town of Hamburg Police Department, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his profession, Gregory G. Wickett also served as President of the Erie County Chiefs of Police Association; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Town of Hamburg, Gregory G. Wickett attended St. Mary's Elementary School and St. Francis High School; he went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Buffalo State College; and

WHEREAS, The great State of New York is fortunate to have brave public servants like Chief Gregory G. Wickett who risk their lives in the line of duty each day to protect the residents of our communities; no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who are willing to put service over self; 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 Chief Gregory G. Wickett upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service to the Town of Hamburg Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Gregory G. Wickett.