

Senate Resolution No. 2574

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMEMORATING the retirement of Keith Zimmerman, who served the people of St. Lawrence County and New York State for 32 years as a Planner, Deputy Planning Director and Director of the St. Lawrence County Planning Office

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation in recognition of the service of Keith Zimmerman who worked on behalf of the people of St. Lawrence County for over three decades ; and

WHEREAS, Keith Zimmerman's service included helping communities to develop land use regulations for emerging technologies, including wireless communication towers, commercial wind turbines and big box retail development; and

WHEREAS, During his career, his leadership and insight played an important role in the development of the county's 1995 Policy Guide, the delivery of the First Time Homebuyer Program, the County's response to the 1998 Ice Storm emergency, the environmental remediation of the Sealand hazardous waste site in Lisbon, the cleanup of the former J&L Steel site in Clifton, and the County's emergency response to the 2019 flooding on the St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, St. Lawrence County has repeatedly turned to Keith Zimmerman for his assistance and leadership skills, asking him to help develop a timely financial plan as a member of the budget team and to step in and serve as Emergency Management Director and Information Technology Director when those departments needed interim directors; and

WHEREAS, When St. Lawrence County designed and constructed its Human Services Complex and County Jail complex, Keith Zimmerman helped develop the plan to provide modern facilities for the people of the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the retirement of Keith Zimmerman, who served the people of

St. Lawrence County and New York State for 32 years as a Planner, Deputy Planning Director and Director of the St. Lawrence County Planning Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Keith Zimmerman.