

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**HONORING** Fire Chief Dale Herman upon the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of distinguished service to the City of Watertown Fire Department

**WHEREAS,** Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Fire Chief Dale Herman upon the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of distinguished service to the City of Watertown Fire Department; he will officially retire on February 28, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** Dale Herman joined the City of Watertown Fire Department in January of 1986, beginning his illustrious career as a firefighter at the former Arsenal Street Fire Station; and

**WHEREAS,** This respected firefighter rose through the ranks of the Department; in 1995, he was promoted to Captain, before assuming the position of Battalion Chief in 1999, and then being named to the esteemed position of Fire Chief on August 10, 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his career, which spanned more than three decades, Fire Chief Dale Herman put his life on the line in an effort to protect the safety of others, always working diligently to protect his community and its residents from fire and other dangers; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

**WHEREAS,** In retirement, Fire Chief Dale Herman plans on remaining in the Watertown area with his wife, Patricia, along with his other family members, and will continue to promote fire safety by teaching fire training courses for the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In his official acts, Fire Chief Dale Herman was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; during his tenure with the City of Watertown Fire Department, he truly earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Fire Chief Dale Herman upon the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of distinguished service to the City of Watertown Fire Department, recognizing the significant, positive impact he has had on the City of Watertown and the safety of its residents; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Fire Chief Dale Herman.