

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**HONORING** Pastor Wade Smith upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 2020 City of Oswego Hometown Heroes Award

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, to honor those whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Pastor Wade Smith upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 2020 City of Oswego Hometown Heroes Award on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, in conjunction with the observance of National Hero Day; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Oswego Hometown Heroes Award was established in 2020 to recognize individuals from the City of Oswego who quietly go about improving the lives of others through their generosity, energy and spirit; and

**WHEREAS,** Pastor Wade Smith is the Director of Bridge to Hope, a charitable organization established to provide supportive services to men restarting their lives in Oswego, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In this role, Pastor Wade Smith works tirelessly to provide transitional housing, nutrition, and spiritual guidance to men struggling to get back on their feet following challenging circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** Pastor Wade Smith's compassion, attention and generosity have made a significant positive impact on the lives of countless individuals in his community; and

**WHEREAS,** As a recipient of this most prestigious award, Pastor Wade Smith truly embodies the meaning of service and sets a shining example for others to follow; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Pastor Wade Smith has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Pastor Wade Smith, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pastor Wade Smith upon the occasion of his designation as

recipient of the 2020 City of Oswego Hometown Heroes Award, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Wade Smith.