

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Assistant Chief Matthew Colella upon the occasion of his retirement after more than two decades of dedicated service to the Oneida City Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication in service to their communities, significantly contributing to the safety and quality of life of the citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Assistant Chief Matthew Colella upon the occasion of his retirement, to be celebrated with deep appreciation and gratitude for his distinguished service to the Oneida City Police Department and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Colella began his exemplary career in law enforcement in 2005, and over the course of two decades, rose through the ranks to become a highly respected and trusted leader within the department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Assistant Chief Colella has exemplified the highest standards of law enforcement, serving with honor, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to protecting the citizens of Oneida; and

WHEREAS, As a mentor, a role model, and a steady presence within the department, Assistant Chief Colella has earned the admiration of his colleagues and the gratitude of the community for his steadfast leadership, tireless work ethic, and compassionate service; and

WHEREAS, From his early days on patrol to his leadership as Assistant Chief, he consistently demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and an unyielding focus on public safety, always placing the needs of others before his own; and

WHEREAS, Though he now turns in his badge, the legacy of Assistant Chief Matthew Colella will endure in the continued excellence of the Oneida City Police Department and in the lives of those he served and inspired; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the accomplishments and recognize the devoted public service of those who have given so selflessly for the betterment of their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Assistant Chief Matthew Colella upon the occasion of his retirement, to commend him for more than 20 years of exemplary service

to the Oneida City Police Department, and to extend to him its sincere best wishes for a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Assistant Chief Matthew Colella.