

Senate Resolution No. 1474

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**HONORING** Shawn Yetter for his decades of service to the social welfare of Tioga County and New York State residents

**WHEREAS,** Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

**WHEREAS,** Shawn Yetter has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Shawn Yetter for his decades of service to the social welfare of Tioga County and New York State residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Shawn Yetter has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

**WHEREAS,** In his capacity as Tioga County Commissioner of Social Services, Shawn Yetter has served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

**WHEREAS,** Born and raised in Newark Valley, New York, Shawn Yetter started his service in the early 1980s with a summer internship with the county while he was working on his associate's degree at SUNY Broome; and

**WHEREAS,** Shawn Yetter left a permanent position with Tioga County as a social welfare examiner to pursue his bachelor's degree at SUNY Oswego; and

**WHEREAS,** Once he completed his education, Shawn Yetter found a position with the Southern Tier AIDS Program, a non-profit organization that serves eight counties with its AIDS prevention programs and needle exchange; and

**WHEREAS,** After spending four years with the Southern Tier AIDS Program, Shawn Yetter returned to the Tioga Department of Social Services until he was offered the position of deputy commissioner of the Orange County Department of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS,** Shawn Yetter spent four years as the deputy commissioner in Orange County before returning once again to the Tioga County Department of Social Services as the commissioner of the Department of Social Services, where he still serves today; and

**WHEREAS,** During the decades of his experience in social services, Shawn Yetter has helped residents build self-sufficiency, ensured child

safety and marked the changing landscape of social welfare; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Shawn Yetter has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

**WHEREAS,** Outside of his career in social services, Shawn Yetter has pursued a passion for Theatre; in 1988, he became involved with the Ti-Ahwaga Players, a theatre group based in Owego, NY; and

**WHEREAS,** Shawn Yetter found a calling in directing and in recent years, he has directed A Christmas Story, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, and Harvey; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Shawn Yetter has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Shawn Yetter for his decades of service to the social welfare of Tioga County and New York State residents; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shawn Yetter.