

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**COMMENDING** New York State Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award on May 7, 2025

**WHEREAS,** Law enforcement officers from the State of New York put their lives on the line every day for citizens of this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor New York State Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award to be celebrated at the New York State Police 49th Annual Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at the State Police Academy in Albany, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** This prestigious award was established to honor outstanding individuals, dedicated to their service to law enforcement, whose valiant efforts protect the people of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher of Horseheads, New York, has been a member of the New York State Police since September 13, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** On November 18, 2024, Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher received a report of an individual lying on train tracks in Chemung County; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon arrival at the scene, Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher observed the subject lying on the train tracks while a train was rapidly approaching; and

**WHEREAS,** Filled with bravery, courage, and a strong sense of duty, Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher swiftly ran to the individual in need and pulled him off the train tracks, saving the individual's life seconds before the train would have impacted; and

**WHEREAS,** Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher's quick thinking and fast response saved the life of the man on the train tracks; without his noble actions, the scene on November 18, 2024, would have been tragic; and

**WHEREAS,** The quick thinking, bravery, and exemplary performance of duty of Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher is in the highest traditions and standards of the New York State Police and is worthy of both praise and

honor; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor New York State Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Superintendent's Commendation Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trooper Jonathon R. Butcher.