

Assembly Resolution No. 1393

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MOURNING the death of United States Border Patrol Agent Sean M. McDonough, devoted public servant, military veteran, family man, and beloved member of the North Country community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous and dedicated law enforcement officer who gave his life in the faithful service of his country, his community, and his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of United States Border Patrol Agent Sean M. McDonough, age 48, of Depauville, New York, who passed away on Friday, May 1, 2026, after suffering a fatal medical emergency while conducting marine unit training on the St. Lawrence River near Alexandria Bay, New York; and

WHEREAS, Agent McDonough died in the line of duty, training alongside his fellow agents to safeguard the northern border of the United States, exemplifying the readiness, sacrifice, and quiet heroism that define the men and women of United States Customs and Border Protection; and

WHEREAS, Sean M. McDonough answered the call to serve from a young age, honorably wearing the uniform of the United States Army and later the Army National Guard, where he served as a Military Police Officer, laying the foundation for a lifetime of public service to his Nation; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Sean M. McDonough began his career with United States Customs and Border Protection, faithfully serving the American people through assignments in Nogales, Arizona, the Houlton Sector in Maine, and most recently, at the Wellesley Island Station within the Buffalo Sector, where he protected the communities of the North Country with skill, professionalism, and unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly two decades of federal law enforcement service, Agent McDonough earned the deep respect of his colleagues, his supervisors, and the citizens he was sworn to protect, demonstrating each day the highest traditions of duty, honor, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his distinguished career in uniform, Sean M. McDonough was a proud and active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, embracing its motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, and lending his time, faith, and fellowship to the values of his Irish Catholic heritage and the charitable mission of that storied fraternal organization; and

WHEREAS, Sean M. McDonough was, above all, a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Samantha, and a loving father to his two cherished daughters, Rory and Nora, to whom he gave the steady example of a man guided by faith, family, and service; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Depauville, New York, Agent McDonough was a familiar and respected presence throughout Jefferson County and the greater North Country, where his kindness, humility, and willingness to lend a hand earned him countless friends and a lasting place in the heart of his community; and

WHEREAS, On Monday, May 11, 2026, a solemn law enforcement procession and services were held in Clayton, New York, drawing officers, agents, and community members from across the State and the Nation to pay final tribute to one of their own, a fitting reflection of the brotherhood and sisterhood of those who wear the badge; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Sean M. McDonough leaves behind a legacy that will long endure in the memories of his loving family, his fellow agents, his fraternal brothers, and the grateful citizens of the North Country and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of United States Border Patrol Agent Sean M. McDonough, faithful public servant, military veteran, devoted family man, and beloved son of the North Country, and to express its deepest condolences to his family, his fellow agents, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of United States Border Patrol Agent Sean M. McDonough.