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CONGRATULATING James McFadden upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as Tioga County Treasurer

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those dedicated public servants whose careers have been marked by integrity, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, James McFadden is retiring after more than three decades of exemplary service as Tioga County Treasurer, having first been elected to that office in 1993 and faithfully serving eight consecutive four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Born in Poughkeepsie, New York, James McFadden relocated with his family to Owego in 1964, where he was raised, educated, and developed a lifelong connection to the community he would later serve with distinction; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Owego Free Academy and Binghamton University, James McFadden began his professional career as a self-employed tax accountant, bringing valuable financial expertise and practical experience to public service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as Tioga County Treasurer, James McFadden was responsible for overseeing critical county financial operations, including tax collection, debt service, investment strategies, and long-term financial planning, consistently demonstrating sound judgment, careful oversight, and exemplary financial stewardship; and

WHEREAS, James McFadden played a central role in major county initiatives, including the financing and development of the Tioga County Jail, the Health and Human Services Building, and other significant infrastructure projects, while maintaining a strong credit rating for the County and achieving substantial savings through prudent refinancing and investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, During times of extraordinary challenge, including the floods of 2011, James McFadden provided steady leadership and perseverance, navigating complex financial recovery efforts and ensuring accountability and transparency over many years; and

WHEREAS, James McFadden's commitment to innovation and fairness in public finance extended beyond Tioga County, including his involvement in advancing policies that led New York State to become the first state to implement a comprehensive short-term rental tax law; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding leadership and dedication to county financial management, James McFadden was named the 2025

Outstanding Treasurer of the Year by the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers, a national honor awarded annually to one treasurer who exemplifies excellence and integrity in public finance; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional accomplishments, James McFadden has been actively involved in civic and charitable organizations, including the Owego Kiwanis, Tioga County Friends of Hospice, and the board of Tompkins Cortland Community College, further reflecting his deep commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, As he enters retirement, James McFadden looks forward to spending time with his family and continuing his appreciation for the people and communities of Tioga County, leaving behind a lasting legacy of fiscal responsibility and public trust; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate James McFadden upon the occasion of his retirement as Tioga County Treasurer, and to commend him for his more than 30 years of distinguished service to the residents of Tioga County and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James McFadden.