

## 2013-J5277

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chief David Dalton upon the occasion of his retirement from the Palmyra Police Department after 45 years of distinguished service to the residents of Wayne County

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chief David Dalton upon the occasion of his retirement from the Palmyra Police Department after 45 years of distinguished service to the residents of Wayne County; he will be celebrated at a retirement party on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at the Palmyra VFW Post, Palmyra, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 1961 graduate of Wayne Central School, Chief David Dalton began his distinguished law enforcement career in 1969 as a member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department; during his 12 years with the Department he made a positive impact, working as Road Patrol, First Undercover Officer and then Sergeant, and founding the Wayne County Sheriff's Dive Team; and

WHEREAS, In 1981 he joined the Palmyra Police Department as Deputy Chief; he assumed the role of Chief in 1988, and has served the residents of Palmyra with honor and integrity throughout the 33 years of his productive tenure; and

WHEREAS, Under Chief David Dalton's exemplary leadership, the Village

of Palmyra has become a safer and more pleasant community; a locale in which crime had once run rampant, in 1993/1994 the Village was noted as solving 94% of its cases, one of the highest rates of crime-solving in the nation; moreover, as of 2013/2014, the Palmyra Police Department had the lowest crime rate in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated public servant's exceptional skill in working with people from all walks of life has earned him the respect, admiration, and trust of young offenders, vandals, parents of troubled children, and crime victims alike; he is renowned for knowing the names of community members, and treating everyone with respect; and

WHEREAS, Chief David Dalton is a talented law enforcement officer who is a Training Instructor at the Ontario County Training Facility, and an expert in trial court testimony; he has worked closely with judges and District Attorneys, who have been able to rely on his knowledge and proficiency; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Chief David Dalton is an effective administrator, managing his staff with sensitivity while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, and using his budgeting and grants expertise to both run an efficient office and secure needed funding for the Police Department's needs; and

WHEREAS, Chief David Dalton's commitment to his community extends beyond the Police Department; he is a founding member of the Town of Ontario Volunteer Ambulance, a supporter of Pal-Mac Soccer, Swimming and Lacrosse, and has received recognition for his work with Historic Palmyra; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of nearly 25 years, Lori Dillon Dalton; his children, Michelle, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, and Justin; and his grandchildren, Kelly, Keating, Jamison, and Brooks,

all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Chief David Dalton upon the occasion of his retirement from the Palmyra Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief David Dalton.