

## 2015-J39

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Officer Matthew V. Scaglione in recognition of his heroic action in rescuing a child from the Seneca-Cayuga Canal on July 22, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring, concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is proud to honor an individual who would serve to protect it, lauding particularly one who would clearly endanger his own life and safety on behalf of that cause; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Officer Matthew V. Scaglione in recognition of his heroic action in rescuing a child from the Seneca-Cayuga Canal on July 22, 2014; Waterloo Police Chief Doyle Marquart presented this extraordinary Officer with an Award at a Village Board Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014, Village Hall, Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, On the afternoon of July 22, 2014, Officer Matthew V. Scaglione and a second member of the Waterloo Police Department were called to a home on East Main Street after a member of the community reported seeing two unattended children playing in her backyard; and

WHEREAS, The children's father was located with one of the children, age four; the second child, just three years old, was reported missing at that time; and

WHEREAS, After calling for help, Officer Matthew V. Scaglione saw the child in the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, floating on his back approximately halfway across the waterway; without hesitation or concern for his own safety, he instinctually jumped into the canal, swam out and retrieved

the child; and

WHEREAS, Once out of the water, Officer Matthew V. Scaglione immediately began resuscitation efforts and revived the boy, who had been struggling to breathe; the child was transferred to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester for overnight observation and was released the next day; and

WHEREAS, Officer Matthew V. Scaglione should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Officer Matthew V. Scaglione demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Officer Matthew V. Scaglione in recognition of his heroic action in rescuing a child from the Seneca-Cayuga Canal on July 22, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Officer Matthew V. Scaglione.