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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andre M. Maurice posthumously by the New York State Department of Health at the EMS Memorial Dedication on May 19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the concerned and caring work of citizens who voluntarily assist in safeguarding the safety and welfare of their neighbors and community; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer ambulance corps members are an important part of the safety net of America's healthcare system; they provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; Andre M. Maurice was one such member; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andre M. Maurice posthumously by the New York State Department of Health, to be celebrated at the New York State EMS Memorial Dedication Ceremony, on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at the Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 18, 1966, to the former Marian Myers, and the late Emile Maurice, Andre M. Maurice lost his life while in the line of duty on March 26, 2014, at the age of 48; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Andre M. Maurice graduated from the former Richmondville Central School; in 2006, he held the position of receiving clerk for the Town of Richmondville Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, Andre M. Maurice's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A driver and an attendant for the Richmondville Volunteer Emergency Squad for over two and a half years, and an election inspector for the Village of Richmondville, Andre M. Maurice distinguished himself by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of

his community; and

WHEREAS, Andre M. Maurice continually bettered himself by attending every EMS course which was offered; he was both a certified emergency vehicle operations technician (CEVO) and trained in the Emergency Vehicles Operators Course (EVOC), as well as certified in CPR and First Aid; and

WHEREAS, Andre M. Maurice was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his dedicated service to the EMS including the 2012 Member of the Year, the Life Saving Award, and a Meritus Service Award; and

WHEREAS, An avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, Andre M. Maurice also enjoyed reading and researching history, playing video games, and watching NASCAR; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Andre M. Maurice is survived by his mother, Marian Maurice; two sisters, Karen Possemato and Maria Jones; and two nephews, William Borthwick, Jr. and Matthew Jones; as well as two nieces, Kayla Mahoney and Sarah Jones, all of whom will miss him dearly; and

WHEREAS, A true humanitarian, Andre M. Maurice's generosity was apparent even after his death; he was an organ donor and subsequently, his big-heartedness helped five individuals lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of his duties, Andre M. Maurice demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others; he was a tremendous asset to the EMS Unit and a distinguished citizen of the State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Andre M. Maurice posthumously by the New York State Department of Health at the EMS Memorial Dedication on May 19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Andre M. Maurice.