

## 2015-K617

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Steuben County Manager Mark R. Alger upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 33 years of distinguished public service on June, 30 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to the welfare of their community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Steuben County Manager Mark R. Alger upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 33 years of distinguished public service on Tuesday, June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A native of Hornell, New York, Mark R. Alger earned his bachelor's degree in Geography from the State University of New York at Geneseo; he then went on to receive his master's degree in Geography from Western Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Alger became employed as a Research Coordinator for the National Association of Regional Councils in Washington, D.C. in 1977; two years later, he moved to Steuben County and served as a Senior Planner in the County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Mark R. Alger was appointed to the position of the Steuben County Planning Director, and in 1984, he was selected as the county's first Administrator; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1995, Mark R. Alger held the title of Deputy Commissioner for Administration with the New York State Department of

Agriculture and Markets in Albany, New York, a position he held for three years; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Alger returned to Steuben County in 1999, to serve as its Social Services Commissioner; on September 25, 2000, he was reappointed to the position of Steuben County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Alger furthered his education by obtaining his Master's degree in Public Administration in 2006, from James Madison University; two years later, he became the Deputy County Manager for Steuben County; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Steuben County adopted a charter creating the County Manager position which Mark R. Alger was subsequently appointed to in 2014; in addition, he has represented the county on numerous boards and committees, such as the New York State Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and their three children, 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 commend Steuben County Manager Mark R. Alger upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 33 years of distinguished public service on June 30, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark R. Alger.