

## 2015-J3707

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jeffrey E. Graham upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service as Mayor of the City of Watertown

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jeffrey E. Graham upon the occasion his retirement as Mayor of the City of Watertown; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey E. Graham served as Mayor of Watertown for over 20 years, making him the longest serving mayor in the City's history; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Jeffrey E. Graham worked with fellow elected officials and citizens to create a positive atmosphere and oversee collaborative efforts to complete needed projects; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham's many accomplishments included helping to save the New York Air Brake company, regionalizing the Watertown International Airport, and reviving the Woolworth Building; and

WHEREAS, As a small business owner, Mayor Graham was able to relate to the local economy and his fellow business owners; and

WHEREAS, A strong supporter of his community and its citizens, Jeffrey E. Graham was well-known for often being the first on the scene in times of emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS, Through his leadership, passion for improving the City, and care for his community, Jeffrey E. Graham will leave an indelible mark on the City of Watertown; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and

sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jeffrey E. Graham upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service as Mayor of the City of Watertown, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham.