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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mayor Richard Donovan upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Village of Minoa

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the State of New York to acknowledge those esteemed individuals within our midst whose professional lives and civic endeavors have served to enhance the stature of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of the State of New York to recognize that the quality and character of our society reflect the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commend Richard Donovan upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as a member of the Minoa Village Board of Trustees, including 12 years as Minoa's Mayor; he will officially retire as Mayor on Monday, April 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Richard Donovan dedicated himself to community service, soon after he moved to the Village of Minoa in 1971 with his wife, Phyllis, and their two children; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Richard Donovan was elected to the Village of Minoa Board of Trustees and subsequently served in various positions, including eight years as the Deputy Mayor of the Village of Minoa; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Richard Donovan ran for Mayor of the Village of Minoa, and won by substantial margins to this highly-regarded position; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Richard Donovan effectively provided over-

sight to the total operation of the Village while maintaining strong relationships with various government agencies; he also worked hard to recruit business and development, and improve the quality of life in the charming village that sits in the northern part of the Town of Manlius in Onondaga County; and

WHEREAS, Richard Donovan has also served as President of the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) which afforded him the opportunity to represent his Village and the Central New York area with the mission of improving local government by facilitating cooperation, the exchange of information and ideas on best practices, and the discussion of new solutions to common municipal problems; and

WHEREAS, Richard Donovan's vast community service over the past decades has also included, but is not limited to, being a member of the F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse Steering Committee, the Town of Manlius Disaster Preparedness Committee, the Town of Manlius Emergency Service committee, and the East Syracuse-Minoa School to College & Career Advisory board; past President of the Onondaga County Mayors Association; and co-founder and past advisor of Explorer Post 996; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Richard Donovan served 20 years with East Syracuse-Minoa Youth Sports, three years of which as President, and was instrumental in the construction of the St. Mary's Baseball Field; and

WHEREAS, Richard Donovan has also devoted himself to protecting the life and properties of his neighbors by serving eight years with the Minoa Fire Department, and as an active member of the New York State Fire Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, Richard Donovan has faithfully served as Mayor of the Village of Minoa and will long be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen

sense of duty, and his strong ability to handle any challenge and important community projects; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his friends and family members, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his

achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Minoa Mayor Richard Donovan, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body hereby pause to commend Mayor Richard Donovan upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Village of Minoa; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayor Richard Donovan.