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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Brummer Award by the New York State Police

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those exemplary public servants who devote their lives to preserving and protecting such values; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Brummer Award by the New York State Police, to be celebrated at the 40th Annual Superintendents Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on Thursday, May 26, 2016, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II has proudly served as a member of the New York State Police since 2001, and is currently assigned to the State Police Oneida Station, Troop D, and resides in Poland, New York; and

WHEREAS, On July 15, 2015, Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II was dispatched to the Whitney Point Lake/Dam near Dorchester Park in the Town of Triangle for a report of a distressed swimmer in a restricted area near the main dam structure; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival, Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II located the victim within the dam's intake tunnel, fighting the current in an effort to avoid being pulled into an underwater tunnel; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation or regard for his own well-being, Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II entered the water and rescued the teenager, saving her life; and

WHEREAS, Through his heroic efforts, Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others,

personifying the collective concern of public servants across the community of the State of New York who respond when others are in need of help; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those extraordinary individuals 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 honor Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Brummer Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trooper Lawrence F. Gurdo II.