

## 2015-K1430

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Investigator Carmen Rojek upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Carl Draxler Award by the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Investigator Carmen Rojek upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Carl Draxler Award by the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute, Inc. celebrated at its Annual Awards Ceremony in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Given in memory of the late Sheriff of Chemung County, The Carl Draxler Award, is bestowed upon an employee of a Sheriff's Office whose exceptional career achievements and conscientious devotion to duty have demonstrated a spirit of selfless public service; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Carmen Rojek was selected for this auspicious award from a group of his peers from several Sheriff's Offices throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Investigator Carmen Rojek has worked tirelessly to protect the children of not only Oswego County, but throughout the United States; he has been instrumental in the successful arrest of many dangerous, serial sexual predators who have

committed crimes against children; and

WHEREAS, Since June of 1997, Investigator Carmen Rojek has been a vital member of the Oswego County Sheriff's Office; for 10 years, he served as a Road Patrol Deputy, and in 2008, he was promoted to Criminal Investigator of the Sex Offense/Abused Persons Investigations Unit; and WHEREAS, In addition, Investigator Carmen Rojek is the agency representative for the Oswego County Multiple Disciplinary Team (MDT), which coordinates investigations into child abuse and sexual abuse against children in Oswego County; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Investigator Carmen Rojek took the initiative to become an Advanced Forensic Interviewer, supported fellow investigators as they learned and implemented new techniques, and he always communicates effectively with advocates and concerned parties to ensure that families and children receive appropriate services for their long-term healing journey; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Carmen Rojek is known in the community for his dedication, commitment and selfless devotion to investigating crimes against children and victims of sexual crimes; his professionalism and tireless effort to pursue justice has helped victims of violence, often children, the ability to move forward in their lives, no longer living in fear; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize and commend such outstanding law enforcement officers as Investigator Carmen Rojek for their valued contributions to the community; 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 honor Investigator Carmen Rojek upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2015 Carl Draxler Award by the New York State Sher-

iffs' Association Institute, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Investigator Carmen Rojek.