

CITY OF TROY, NEW YORK

PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, because of the many important contributions that John F. Tedesco has made to the great City of Troy, New York he is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 42 years, Troy Police Chief John Tedesco has dedicated himself to the highest standards of professionalism and excellence as a member of the Troy Police Department; and

WHEREAS, John Tedesco's career with the Troy Police Department began on March 29, 1976, where he took the oath as patrol officer until his promotion to sergeant in 1984, serving in various positions including patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, and supervising officer of the Juvenile Aid Bureau; and

WHEREAS, John was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1994, serving as patrol captain and commanding officer of the Community Police & Civil Enforcement Units, an effort which laid the groundwork for the redevelopment of neighborhood associations across the City of Troy through stronger relationships between the department and community leaders and earned the City of Troy a New York State Best Practices recognition for its community policing initiatives; and

WHEREAS, John Tedesco was promoted to Assistant Police Chief in 2003, and Chief of Police in April of 2010, the culmination of his then-34-year career with the agency; and

WHEREAS, during John's tenure as Chief command officer, the department continued to pursue the most rigorous operational standards, resulting in the agency's reaccreditation by New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services, a designation held by only 25 percent of law enforcement agencies statewide; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with Unity House, Chief Tedesco expanded the department's efforts to aggressively pursue crimes of domestic violence, creating a Special Victims Services Unit which strengthened the agency's objectives to bring justice to those impacted by domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS, Chief Tedesco's four-decade career with the Troy Police Department earned him numerous awards and recognition from his peers in law enforcement and the Troy community, including over 37 Letters of Commendation, a Silver Shield Award in 1982, the Chief John J. Givney Award in 1992, the Coordinated Community Response Award by Unity House and the Liza Ellen Warner Purple Ribbon Award for service to domestic violence victims, and the Leadership Award for the Coalition for After-School Funding; and

WHEREAS, John's dedication to the community and law enforcement extends beyond the Troy Police Department, including his work as a member of Therapy Dog International and the Rensselaer County Early Release Commission; and

WHEREAS, on January 12th, members of the Troy community will join with the Troy Police Department to celebrate the distinguished career of Police Chief John F. Tedesco during his farewell "walk out" ceremony from department headquarters in recognition of his nearly 42 years of honorable service on behalf of the 50,000 residents of the Collar City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Patrick Madden, Mayor of the great City of Troy, New York, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 12, 2018 as

Chief John F. Tedesco Day

in the City of Troy in recognition of John's exceptional service, distinguished career and commitment to public safety in protection and service to the residents, families, businesses of the Collar City as a member of the Troy Police Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Troy, New York to be affixed this 11th day of January, 2018.



Mayor Patrick Madden, City of Troy

