

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION No. 89 OF 2026

### RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS CROCITTO AND O'NEILL

#### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE THE BRIDGE IDENTIFIED AS BIN 1033550 LOCATED ON DIAMOND POINT ROAD AT EXIT 23 OF THE ADIRONDACK NORTHWAY (I-87) IN THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE AS THE “ECO STEPHEN L. RAYMOND MEMORIAL BRIDGE”**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors seeks to appropriately recognize and honor those individuals whose careers and sacrifices have contributed significantly to the public good and the safety, well-being, and integrity of the people of Warren County and the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, Environmental Conservation Officer (ECO) Stephen L. Raymond devoted his career to public service with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), beginning his employment in 1981 in Region 3, later transferring to Region 5 in 1988, and

WHEREAS, ECO Raymond served the North Country for nearly three decades operating under the Warrensburg Sub-Office and the Region 5 Headquarters in Ray Brook, where he became known for his professionalism, integrity, and steadfast commitment to environmental protection and public safety, and

WHEREAS, following the attacks of September 11, 2001, ECO Raymond twice deployed to New York City to assist in security and recovery operations at and around Ground Zero, and also supported emergency command efforts at the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) in Albany, and

WHEREAS, as a result of his service during and after those deployments, ECO Raymond later developed service-related cancer and passed away in 2017, becoming the first New York State Environmental Conservation Officer to be formally recognized as having died from a 9/11-related illness, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, ECO Raymond's name was added to both the New York State Police Officers' Memorial in Albany and the Federal Police Officers' Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., ensuring his sacrifice is permanently remembered among those who gave their lives in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, his wife, Mrs. Shari Raymond established the Stephen L. Raymond Memorial Scholarship through the New York State Conservation Officers Association, which provides an annual \$2,500 award to any NYS ENCON Officer, their spouse, or child attending an accredited two- or four-year college, thereby continuing ECO Raymond's enduring legacy of service and mentorship, and

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WHEREAS, ECO Raymond's distinguished career, his devotion to his colleagues, and his long service to Warrensburg, Thurman, and the greater Warren County region exemplify the highest ideals of public service, and

WHEREAS, this designation will serve as a permanent tribute to his service to New York State and his dedication to the people, communities, and forests of Warren County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that the New York State Legislature enact legislation to designate the bridge identified as BIN 1033550, located on Diamond Point Road at Exit 23 of the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87) in the Town of Lake George, New York, as the "ECO Stephen L. Raymond Memorial Bridge", and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon enactment of such legislation, appropriate memorial signage be placed by the New York State Department of Transportation at locations deemed suitable by the Department, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon official designation by the State of New York, Warren County shall join with the Town of Lake George, the Raymond family, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York State Environmental Conservation Police to participate in a public dedication ceremony honoring ECO Stephen L. Raymond, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New York; New York State Senator Daniel Stec; New York State Assemblyman Matthew Simpson; the New York State Department of Transportation; the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; the New York State Conservation Officers Association; and Mrs. Shari Raymond.