

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 14, 2016

RESOLUTION HONORING MARK M. MAHONEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, Mark Mahoney, a native of New Bedford, was born in June 1955, is the son of Patricia (Flaherty) and the late Edward Mahoney, was educated in the New Bedford Public School System, is a 1973 graduate of Bishop Stang High School and earned his degree in Business Administration from UMASS Dartmouth in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from college, Mark Mahoney began his career as purchasing agent for a New Bedford based business, The Office Supply Store, then accepted the position to serve as Legislative Assistant for State Representative Denis Lawrence, Sr., where he remained until 1989; and

WHEREAS, During the course of his studies at UMASS Dartmouth, Mark Mahoney became a volunteer in what was then known as the New Bedford Civil Defense Department, where he assisted in various capacities over his thirteen years of volunteer service under the direction of Director Gerald Messier, and upon Director Messier's retirement, then Mayor John K. Bullard offered the position of Director to Mark Mahoney in May 1989; and

WHEREAS, Since his appointment, Mark Mahoney has overseen the operation of the City of New Bedford's Emergency Management Division and has developed and maintained various City emergency operation plans; provided guidance and assistance to other organizations and businesses in developing their plans; coordinated response to and recovery from several emergencies and disasters including hurricanes and blizzards; provided countless disaster preparedness presentations and trainings to a wide range of community groups and organizations; administered numerous emergency management and homeland security grants; and managed the public safety support services provided by Emergency Management volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Mark Mahoney was one of the founding members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Emergency Management Directors Association, serving in leadership roles of both President and Secretary and further was appointed in May 2007, to the Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council, one of four regional councils created by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the wake of the tragic events of 9/11, and remains an active member; and

WHEREAS, Mark Mahoney has attended numerous trainings at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland, was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for completion of the Institute's Professional Development Program and has made frequent emergency and disaster management related presentations at various State and National forums, including at the annual National Hurricane Conference; and

WHEREAS, Mark Mahoney has worked with both the Massachusetts and Federal Emergency Management Agencies directing disaster recovery and financial reimbursement activities on behalf of the City of New Bedford for more than a dozen Presidentially declared emergencies, has received numerous recognitions and honors over his many years of service, including being named Emergency Management Director of the Year by both the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Northeast States Emergency Consortium; and

WHEREAS, When he officially retires on December 24, 2016, Mark Mahoney will have served the City of New Bedford and the surrounding communities in Southeastern Massachusetts, both as a volunteer and Emergency Management Director for over forty years:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **MARK M. MAHONEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**, thanks him for his forty years of dedicated service to our City and its Citizens and expresses their best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement.