



# Proclamation

## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE HOMETOWN HERO AWARD

**WHEREAS:** In Suffolk County we take much pride in those courageous men and women like **New York City Mounted Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan** who seek to improve the world around them by their selfless efforts. We believe we should recognize and celebrate such individuals who perform an exceptional deed which results in saving lives and/or protecting property; and

**WHEREAS:** On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, **Mounted Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan** after being alerted by a local street vendor saw smoke and small explosions coming from a parked vehicle in Times Square in New York City. **Officer Rhatigan**, a Holbrook resident, immediately took action and took the necessary steps to evacuate the highly crowded area and call for assistance from the New York Police Department's Bomb Squad; and

**WHEREAS:** As a result of **Mounted Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan's** vigilance and expedience, the terrorist plot was foiled and hundred's of lives were saved; and

**WHEREAS:** **Officer Rhatigan** who has been on the New York City Police Force for 15 years, started on transit detail before becoming a Mounted Police Officer 5 years ago. He lives in Holbrook with his wife Tinamarie, his nine year old daughter, Hailey and his 15 year old son, Kyle.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, **William J. Lindsay**, Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, together with my fellow County Legislators, do hereby celebrate our Hometown Hero

## **Mounted Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan**

and thank him from the bottom of our hearts for saving countless lives on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Suffolk County Legislature to be affixed on the Eleventh day of May, in the year Two Thousand and Ten.



**William J. Lindsay, Presiding Officer  
County of Suffolk, New York**