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IN MEMORIAM AND RECOGNITION

- WHEREAS,** *On Wednesday, March 13, 2013, tragedies occurred in the Villages of Mohawk and Herkimer caused by a senseless act of violence.*
- WHEREAS,** *The violence that started with a fire and escalated to a shooting spree with four men being shot and killed, and two men being seriously injured has shocked and saddened not only all the residents of Herkimer County and our surrounding communities, but has been felt nationwide; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We mourn the loss of the deceased: Harry Montgomery, Michael Renshaw, Michael Ransear and Thomas Stefka, who was a former employee of the County of Herkimer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Herkimer County Legislature wishes to express its deepest appreciation for the professionalism and heroism of the law enforcement agencies who responded at all levels, including our local police officers, the Herkimer County Sheriff's Department, the New York State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, whose combined resources protected our employees and public from any further harm, and were able to bring the standoff to a close; now, therefore be it*
- RESOLVED,** *That we commend and honor the heroic acts of the FBI K-9, "Ape" who lost his life to protect his partners; and*
- RESOLVED,** *That in Memoriam and Recognition of this tragic event and the loss of precious lives in our community, the County Legislature encourages all the residents of Herkimer County to recognize Monday, March 25, 2013, as a COUNTY-WIDE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, to take time to offer thoughts of healing and prayer for the victims and their families, and to express gratitude for all our local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and emergency responders for their monumental support.*

Dated: March 20, 2013.