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Today in Delaware County a small group of people exercised their right to peacefully protest what they have described as unfair and unlawful treatment of prisoners detained in several regional jail facilities, including the Delaware County facility. This is part of what has become a larger national conversation about the treatment of people by law enforcement across the country. Although I respect and will uphold everyone's right to protest and express their opinions in a lawful manner, I would like to recognize and commend the law enforcement personnel that were a part of today's protest.

The manner in which law enforcement officials responded to this demonstration exemplified the professionalism, dignity and understanding that our County has come to expect from our local law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement at all levels in Delaware County is made up of caring men and women that not only enforce the law when needed, but serve and protect our community far beyond arresting people and operating the county jail. There are many sacrifices made by local law enforcement personnel to serve us daily as they give generously of their time and genuinely care about the safety of our residents.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Delaware County Sheriff's Department, Delhi Village Police, University Police at Delhi, the New York State Police and Delaware County Office Building Security and other law enforcement officials that participated today and to personally acknowledge the leadership of Sheriff Dumond. We can be assured the message that the demonstrators brought this evening did not fall on deaf ears and the commitment of Sheriff Dumond to Delaware County is and always has been to uphold the law and protect the rights and safety of all of our residents.

Tina B. Molé
Chairman