

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William Greene for 70 years of dedicated service to the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished fire fighting careers of esteemed residents of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William Greene for his 70 years of service with the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great State's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, After a fire burned William Greene's father's store, as well as half of Main Street in Conesus in 1933, the town purchased a 1934 Dodge Brothers fire truck; William Greene's father was a driver for the truck; William was allowed to go to the fire hall and ride on the truck when he was a young teenager; and

WHEREAS, William Greene joined the fire department on March 7, 1943; shortly thereafter he left to serve with the United States Army during World War II, returning to Conesus in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Conesus Volunteer Fire Department was incorporated in 1946; William Greene served on the Board of Directors for a two-year term; from 1952 to 1956 he continued his service in the roles of Assistant Chief and Chief; and

WHEREAS, William Greene's dedication to the fire department includes years of service as a Fire Commissioner; he was appointed as an Interim Fire Commissioner in 1964 and continued to serve as a Fire Commissioner until he retired in 2011; during much of that time he served as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, William Greene was actively involved in overseeing construction of the current fire house; he has performed or coordinated much of the upkeep, repairs and upgrades at the fire house; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating a strong commitment to community service, William Greene and his wife, Betty, donated land and were instrumental in getting playground equipment for Ricky Greene Park, a recreational area named in honor of their late son; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor William Greene for his 70 years of dedicated service to the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Greene.