

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely passing and paying tribute to the life and valiant service of West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association Firefighter and Webster Police Lieutenant Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini who died in the line of duty on December 24, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters and police officers who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; 43-year-old Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini was one such firefighter and police officer who died in service to others, doing what he loved; and

WHEREAS, On December 24, 2012, Michael Chiapperini responded to a house and vehicle fire on Lake Road in Webster, New York; and

WHEREAS, Within seconds of arriving on the scene gun shots were fired at the responding firefighters; Michael Chiapperini alerted his colleagues and, as firefighters were being wounded, he moved through the firetruck to the passenger side and then, on foot in the direction of the gunman; tragically, as he advanced, Michael Chiapperini, a dedicated firefighter, police officer and extraordinary human being, was mortally wounded while attempting to protect others; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini, a West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association volunteer for 25 years, was a past Chief of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini served as an advisor for the West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association's Firematics Explorer Post and, in December of 2012, he was named Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini also served with distinction for 19 years as a Police Officer with the Webster Police Department, rising to the esteemed rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini took vacation time from his job at the police department to travel with a group of other emergency responders to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini was also the Webster Police Department's Public Information Officer; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and three beloved children, Nicholas, Kacie and Kylie; and

WHEREAS, The West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association and Webster Police Department families will always remember this outstanding man for the hard work and dedication he showed the fire company and police department, as well as the community, but most importantly, for his quality of character; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Firefighter and Police Lt. Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini touched many through his kindness and commitment to service, and, as we recall the loss of this great man, we memorialize his remarkable life and the enormous impact he had on everyone with whom he came in contact; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of this courageous firefighter and police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely passing and pay tribute to the life and valiant service of West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association Firefighter and

Police Lieutenant Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Firefighter and Police Lieutenant Michael J. "Chip" Chiapperini.