

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Apalachin Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Apalachin Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Apalachin and its surrounding communities, to be celebrated on Saturday, January 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Apalachin Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Originally known as the Apalachin Chemical Company which was a bucket brigade in 1913, the Apalachin Fire District and Company was set up by orders of the Owego Town Board in 1938; in 1949, the Ladies Auxiliary was formed and fire police were appointed to deal with traffic problems at emergencies; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, a new station No. 2 was built on the Tioga Terrace Lot; today, the Apalachin Fire Department offers advanced life support with transport, fire suppression, technical rescue, hazardous material mitigation and fire prevention education; it strives for excellence in all that it does for its community; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Apalachin Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 100 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Apalachin Fire Department are prepared to risk their lives every day to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Apalachin Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should give special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer fire departments of this great Empire State, their officers and auxiliaries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Apalachin Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Apalachin Fire Department.