

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending all First Responders and recognizing their many compassionate and generous acts that ultimately improve the quality of life for the communities they serve

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who give outstanding service to the people of the Empire State and whose extraordinary achievements save the lives of their fellow citizens should be recognized because their efforts so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend all First Responders and recognize their many compassionate and generous acts that ultimately improve the quality of life for the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, A First Responder is a person whose job entails being the first on the scene of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, First Responders are able to function in uncommon situations; and

WHEREAS, First Responders have a basic understanding of stress response and methods to ensure personal well-being; and

WHEREAS, First Responders function within the scope of care as defined by state, regional and local regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, A tragedy of any kind, whether a natural disaster or a senseless catastrophe never leaves the heart of the community; and

WHEREAS, First Responders are there whenever people are at risk; and

WHEREAS, First Responders, in many cases, are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, First Responders play a key role in making a difference in appalling circumstances; and

WHEREAS, First Responders work "against the grain" when others are running away from danger; and

WHEREAS, First Responders always make certain that lives are saved; and

WHEREAS, First Responders do whatever it takes, thereby effecting extraordinary acts; and

WHEREAS, First Responders have an amazing capacity for courage and compassion; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend all First Responders and to recognize their many compassionate and generous acts that ultimately improve the quality of life for the communities they serve; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Rockwood, Caroga, Lasselsville, Meco, and Mayfield.