

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Cherry Valley Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Cherry Valley Volunteer Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 200 years of fire protection to the citizens of Cherry Valley and its surrounding communities, to be celebrated at the Otsego County Firemen's Convention on Saturday, June 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 200 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Cherry Valley Volunteer 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, In May of 1813, there was full support to organize a fire company; in October of that year, there was a purchase of three fire hooks and six ladders, and in 1814, the first fire engine was bought named "The Washingtonian"; and

WHEREAS, After 1911, the Glensfoot Hose Company and the Empire Hook and Ladder Company became the Cherry Valley Fire Department; in 1956, the Cherry Valley Joint Fire District was formed; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Cherry Valley Historical Association/Museum now houses The Washingtonian, a hose cart and two other pumpers; the Cherry Valley Volunteer Fire Department strives for excellence in all that it does for its community; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Cherry Valley Volunteer Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 200 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 Cherry Valley Volunteer 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 Cherry Valley Volunteer Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 200 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 200th Anniversary of the Cherry Valley Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

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