

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Busti Fire Department, Jamestown, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor fire departments and their members who have exhibited great dedication, courage and selflessness in protecting their neighbors from fire and other disasters in 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 commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Busti Fire Department, Jamestown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of the "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, Busti Fire Department Inc. was organized in March of 1939; and

WHEREAS, The original building was a store converted into a fire station; the Busti Fire Department held dances and fish dinners to help raise the funds necessary to purchase needed equipment; in October of 1939, the Department purchased its first fire truck, a 500 gallon-per-minute pumper built in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Busti Fire Department added a Tanker to its Fleet in 1949, along with a Jeep equipped to fight grass and brush fires; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, the Busti Fire Department started construction of a new fire station; after its completion, the old fire hall was torn down to make way for a new building; in 1976, they built an addition onto the truck room and added a meeting room to the facility; and

WHEREAS, From the late 1940s to 1986, the Busti Fire Department hosted its Annual Busti Fire Department Galadays; this event was utilized as the primary fundraiser for the organization and provided necessary funding for equipment and operational costs of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Busti Fire Department owns a 2012 Pierce Dryside Tanker on a Kenworth T-800 chassis, a Pierce Custom Contender Pumper, and a 2001 Horton Ambulance on a Ford F450 Chassis; and

WHEREAS, Their active members with a focus on community service, provide vital services to their beloved community; the volunteers who dedicate their time to the Busti Fire Department are the first to respond to fires, accidents, storm damage, ambulance calls and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The Busti Fire Department averages 250 incidents per year; fire and public service related calls make up 30 percent of the responses, and the remaining 70 percent are EMS calls; and

WHEREAS, It takes special people who are devoted to helping their fellow human beings in time of extreme need; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize distinguished fire companies that have achieved notable success in protecting lives and property over the course of their long histories in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Busti Fire Department, Jamestown, New York; and be it further

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