

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department, and to honor all of its past and present members, for providing the citizens of the Towns of Geddes, Van Buren and parts of Camillus with 65 years of exemplary fire protection; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Fire Departments are an integral part of community protection in localities across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, For the past 65 years, the courageous and dedicated firefighters of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department have valiantly devoted their hard work and efforts to respond to various fire emergencies, all the while earning the praise and respect of the community in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, For the past 65 years, the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department has provided various fire, rescue and emergency services to the residents of the Towns of Geddes, Van Buren and Camillus, such as fire suppression, fire prevention, vehicle rescue, life saving measures, and community-wide safety programs; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1946, conversations began among interested residents in the Lakeland-Lakeside area to create a volunteer fire department; throughout the next two years, after several petitions were previously turned down, the Geddes Town Board approved a petition to create a fire protection district in the Lakeland-Lakeside area; and

WHEREAS, It then became necessary for the New York State Legislature to pass legislation permitting the Town to decrease the size of the current fire protection district and allow for the creation of a new fire district; and

WHEREAS, Even with all these obstacles, in July of 1949, the Lakeside Volunteer Fire district was formed with boundaries of 300 feet south of Pleasant Beach Road to the north of Stiles Road and boundaries that stretch to the Camillus Town Line and west to the shores of Onondaga Lake; and

WHEREAS, The first Fire Chief was William E. Yager, Sr., who had 40 men serving under him; and

WHEREAS, In that same year, a location was selected for the first Lakeside Volunteer Fire House located on a parcel of land on State Fair Boulevard; it was contracted that a one-story brick building would be erected; the fire station is still at its original location; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1949, equipment was purchased including a GMC Chassis pumper-tanker, fully equipped with a 1,000 feet hose with a booster line and water carrying capacity of 300 gallons; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1950, the fire house was completed and the new fire truck was delivered; and

WHEREAS, The first fire the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department responded to was a grass fire on Stasko Drive, where rubbish being burned was windswept into a dry field between two homes; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department responded to approximately 800 fire, rescue and EMS calls; and

WHEREAS, The Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department has hosted numerous community activities including: annual family picnics, children's holiday parties, and Halloween candy inspections; it sponsors local community and service organizations such as: the Lakeside Ranger Drum and Bugle

Corps, boy and cub scout troops, little league baseball teams, and an explorer post; and

WHEREAS, Each day, the brave members of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department prepare to risk their lives, in order to protect the life and property of those living within the community; currently the fire department has 48 members on its roster; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York cannot express sufficient gratitude to all those trained and devoted individuals who serve and protect their communities through fire departments across the State, and enough cannot be said about the important role a volunteer fire department plays in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Michael Kolakowski, and the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department.