

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Hortonville, New York and its surrounding communities; 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 Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company 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 February of 1914, a group of Hortonville residents met at the Hortonville Hotel, formerly known as the Wesley Dorrer Hotel, to organize the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, A leader in the community, William Gardner was elected as chairman of the meeting, and the group unanimously elected John Boemer as Chief, Philip Hornung as Foreman, George W. Buddenhagen as Treasurer, August Shambacker as Secretary, Lewis Buddenhagen as Assistant Chief, and Adam Newman as Assistant Foreman; and

WHEREAS, The first volunteer firemen included: John Bochmer, William Gardner, Frank Fink, William Eller, John Lowe, John Werlau, Arthur Woodman, George Robisch, Wesley Dorrer, William Hartz, Ed Robisch, Frank Roemer, William J. Rosenberger, August Fromm, Ed Faubel, and Dewey Hogencamp; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1914, the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company received its first call for help from Hotel Iroquois; and

WHEREAS, In 1931, action was taken to start the construction of a firehouse for the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company on land donated by The Western Sullivan Lot and Land Company, and by August of 1932, the two-story firehouse was built; prior to building the firehouse, the equipment was stored in the Hortonville Hotel's barn; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-three years later, a larger firehouse was built next door, and in 2008, the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company firehouse was replaced to accommodate more equipment and members; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company 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 Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company 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 Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company 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 Hortonville Volunteer

Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company.