

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department, and to honor all of its past and present members, for providing the citizens of the North Syracuse district with 100 years of exemplary fire protection; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer fire departments are an integral part of community protection in localities across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, For the past 100 years, the courageous and dedicated fire-fighters of the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department have valiantly volunteered their time to respond to various fire emergencies, all while earning the praise and respect of the community in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, The North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department was established in the winter of 1913, after a law was passed by the New York State Legislature to give unincorporated communities the right to establish districts for fire protection; the Village of North Syracuse was the first village in the state to follow this law; and

WHEREAS, The North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department began its history with two hand-drawn chemical fire engines, until a Model T Ford truck was eventually purchased and housed in a barn, which became the new firehouse on Ferguson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In 1950, the Village of North Syracuse Fire Department moved to a new location in the old, remodeled trolley station at the corner of South Bay Road and Church Street; the department remained in that location until February of 1983, when the first "purpose built" fire station was dedicated at its present location at 109 Chestnut Street; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, a second fire station was built on the old military base, in order for the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department to increase its service to the district; and

WHEREAS, For the past 100 years, the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department has provided various fire and rescue services to the residents of the Village of North Syracuse and to parts of the Towns of Cicero and Clay, such as fire suppression, fire prevention and education, vehicle rescue, and life support medical services; the fire department currently responds to more than 1,000 service calls a year; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 1913, the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department has grown its fleet to more than a dozen modern fire and rescue vehicles, increased its emergency and non-emergency services and its membership, and made advancements in technology in order to meet the changing needs of the district; the fire department is also one of only 205 in the state to hold an I.S.O. Public Protection Class 3 rating; and

WHEREAS, Each day, the brave volunteer members of the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department prepare to risk their lives in order to protect the life and property of all those living within their community; the department currently has 40 members, four engines, one aerial truck, one heavy rescue, and two light rescue vehicles; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to all of those trained and devoted individuals who serve and protect their communities through volunteer fire departments across this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patrick J. Brennan, Fire Chief, North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department.