

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 140th Anniversary of the Oswego Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the Oswego Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 140 years of fire protection to the citizens of the City of Oswego; and

WHEREAS, The Oswego Fire Department, serving the City of Oswego in Oswego County, New York, was established in 1876 and is the second oldest career fire department in New York State; and

WHEREAS, In addition to fire suppression, the Oswego Fire Department provides emergency ambulance service, water rescue, and hazardous materials emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Oswego Fire Department includes 59 members, a number of whom are legacy firefighters, or relatives of those who have served the residents of Oswego in years past; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Oswego Fire Department sadly includes the loss of five members in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, The rich history of the Oswego Fire Department is well documented and displayed at the John D. Murray Firefighter Museum located behind the Oswego Fire Department Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 140 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Oswego 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, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Oswego Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 140 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble individuals left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Oswego 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 Oswego Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 140 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 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 140th Anniversary of the Oswego Fire Department; and be it further

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