

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Snyder Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Snyder Fire Department, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Amherst, 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 Snyder 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, Officially incorporated on April 13, 1916, the Snyder Fire Department is an all-volunteer fire department which provides fire, rescue and emergency medical service to approximately 20,000 residents in a six square mile area within the Town of Amherst, New York; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Snyder Fire Department has been recognized as a leader in its field, and is known for always boasting a modern fleet of fire/rescue apparatus and the latest firefighting equipment available; it has also enjoyed a reputable Class 3 rating for many decades from the venerable Insurance Services Organization; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, the Snyder Fire Department became recognized as the first volunteer fire department in the United States to offer paramedic service to its residents, who enjoyed advanced life support care years before it was offered in other communities; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Snyder Fire Department responds to over 1000 emergency incidents each year, and is staffed by more than 75 volunteer firefighters who spend countless hours training to improve their firefighting and emergency medical care skills; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Department's members pride themselves on being interwoven in the fabric of the Snyder community and participate in numerous community events throughout the year including block parties, charity races, fundraisers, and fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Snyder Fire Department 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 Snyder 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 Snyder Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past century; 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 Snyder Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the Snyder Fire Department.