

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Hidi Hose Company No. 4 of the Gowanda Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Hidi Hose Company No. 4 of the Gowanda Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for a century of fire protection to the citizens of Gowanda, New York, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its Centennial, Hidi Hose Company No. 4 will erect an historical marker at its hall, located at 9 Beech Street in Gowanda, painted in New York State's colors of blue and gold; the marker reads, "In 1916 a group of men, in the true spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, recognized that Hidi and the surrounding area was lacking in protection from fires and other disasters. 100 years ago because of their sense of pride and volunteerism Hidi Hose Co. No. 4 was founded. Although their names have faded into the past, and they have answered their final alarm, their deeds remain with us to this day"; 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 Hidi Hose Company No. 4 have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of Hidi Hose Company No. 4 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, Hidi Hose Company No. 4 holds a rich history of firefighting; from 1916 through 1921, the company's equipment consisted of 1,000 feet of hose on a cart with hand tools; when a fire call was received, the members ran with the cart to the scene of the fire; in one instance they ran so quickly across the railroad bridge crossing Cattaraugus Creek that they arrived on scene before firefighters from downtown Gowanda using motorized equipment; 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 departments of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Hidi Hose Company No. 4 of the Gowanda Fire Department to be celebrated on July 16, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hidi Hose Company No. 4 of the Gowanda Fire Department.