

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Canandaigua Fire Department to be celebrated on April 22nd, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Canandaigua Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 200 years of fire protection to the citizens of Canandaigua, 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 200 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Canandaigua 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, The 200th Anniversary of the Canandaigua Fire Department will be celebrated with a myriad of events throughout the year, culminating with an Anniversary Banquet to be held on Friday, April 22nd, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Throughout two centuries, more than 2,400 men and women have fought countless fires and responded to numerous accidents, ambulance calls, and storm damage, as well as other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, On April 22nd, 1816, the trustees of the Village of Canandaigua, New York, ratified that a company of firemen should be formed and selected by the Village President; three days later, 20 volunteers were appointed to the new company; and

WHEREAS, The 20 original firefighters were: John W. Beals, Charles Underhill, P. B. Underhill, Walter Hubbell, Ebenezer Ely, Spencer Chapin, Nicholas Cheseboro, Charles Hill, Manning Gooding, Joseph Bull, George H. Boughton, George Clark, James Lyon, M. H. Sibley, S. T. Kibbe, Hiram S. Day, J. F. Jenkins, W. M. Jenkins, John Clark, and Abraham H. Bennett, all of whom were expected to be ready for service night and day, and be diligent, industrious, and vigilant; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of Fire Chief, Mark Marentette, the Canandaigua Fire Department protects both the city and town of Canandaigua, with a team of diligent and enthusiastic career and volunteer personnel; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Mark Marentette is assisted by Captains Lee DeRuyter, Don Phillips, Sam Loiacono and Gerald Boock, as well as Safety Officer, Bob Palumbo and Training Officer, Bryan Kransler; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Canandaigua Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 200 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 Canandaigua 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 Canandaigua Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 200 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 200th Anniversary of the Canandaigua Fire Department to be celebrated on April 22th, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark Marentette, Chief, Canandaigua Fire Department.