

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMEMORATING the 70th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Neversink Fire Department to be celebrated May 6, 2017

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer members of the ladies auxiliary exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Neversink Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the department's Community Hall; and

WHEREAS, The Neversink Fire Department ladies auxiliary was organized on September 29, 1947, at the Mutton Hill School House with a membership of 25; officers at the time were President Ellen Slavin, Secretary Ethelyn Krum and Treasurer Clara Rubenzahl; and

WHEREAS, The 2017 Chair Office's include: President Marlene Stoutenburg, Vice President Marsha Yaple, Secretary Debbie Bradley, Treasurer Karen Wolfe, Financial Secretary Diana Sunnekalb, Historian Sue Pennell, and Chaplain Kathi Smith; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the ladies auxiliary of a volunteer fire company has been organized to assist and encourage the fire company in its good work; it is the aim of the ladies auxiliary to cultivate a spirit of harmony, to promote sociability and to sustain the esteem and admiration of the community in which it serves; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Neversink Fire Department has carried out these important functions in an exemplary manner, providing an invaluable service to the fire department and community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Ladies Auxiliary has selflessly served and supported the Neversink Fire Department by providing food and refreshments, as well as emotional support, to its members while on the scene of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Neversink Fire Department truly appreciate the Ladies Auxiliary, knowing that when they are physically exhausted and emotionally drained, whether chilled to the bone or withering from the heat, they will be able to look up and see an

auxiliary member standing there with a candy bar, sandwich or a cup of soup, and a warm smiling face; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to volunteer selflessly, supporting and assisting the firemen in the provision of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, For 70 years, whether at a family dinner or a holiday celebration, when the fire alarm has sounded, these selfless volunteers have left their homes and jobs to help the firefighters in pursuit of their duty; and

WHEREAS, The Neversink Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary is prepared daily to carry out its accepted responsibilities, not only serving but also enhancing the quality of life in their community and advancing the perception of Neversink as a caring and united community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Neversink Fire Department to be celebrated May 6, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Marlene Stoutenburg, Ladies Auxiliary, Neversink Fire Department.