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COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of Niskayuna
Fire District 2

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Niskayuna Fire District 2 and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 75 years of fire protection to the citizens of Niskayuna, 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 75 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of Niskayuna Fire District 2 have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Niskayuna Fire District 2 is governed by a Board of Fire Commissioners consisting of 5 members; manpower for the operations of the District is provided by volunteers of the Niskayuna Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, The Niskayuna Fire Company was organized in 1942, after a number of serious fires; a group of home guards and air raid wardens recognized the need for fire protection in the south east part of town; and

WHEREAS, The members of Niskayuna Fire District 2 volunteer their time not only for emergency and non-emergency responses, but spend a significant amount of time training to be able to successfully respond to any situations they might encounter; and

WHEREAS, With over 45 members, all of whom are volunteers, Niskayuna Fire District 2 responds during all hours of the day and night to all types of calls including medical emergencies, fires, auto accidents, carbon monoxide alarms, water emergencies and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of 75 years in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 75 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 Niskayuna Fire District 2 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, Niskayuna Fire District 2 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 75 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 75th Anniversary of Niskayuna Fire District 2; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Niskayuna Fire District 2.