

Assembly Resolution No. 856

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HONORING the first responders from the State of New York, who have battled on the front lines, for their heroism during the unprecedented time of crisis created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who give outstanding service to the people of the State of New York and whose extraordinary achievements save the lives of their fellow citizens should be recognized because their efforts so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to acknowledge the efforts of those real-life superheroes serving as first responders whose dedication and accomplishments have been instrumental in uncertain times; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the first responders from the State of New York, who have battled on the front lines, for their heroism during the unprecedented time of crisis created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus Disease 2019, a global pandemic, has created an unprecedented health crisis; the lives of thousands of people, those who became ill and those who have died, have been significantly impacted by the committed care and efforts of New York State's dedicated first responders; and

WHEREAS, This health crisis has caused significant economic risks and harm to the well-being of not only the citizens in New York State but also to many businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, New York coronavirus cases make up almost half of the nation-wide total, and the State is racing to address the uncertainty caused by this crisis while ensuring that people have access to critical care and the essential items they need thanks to the sacrifices of our first responders; and

WHEREAS, First responders answer the call of duty in any environment where people are in need of compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, In one display of appreciation, which garnered national attention, New Yorkers who were asked to remain indoors leaned out their windows and flooded their balconies to applaud first responders who are helping to fight the City's coronavirus outbreak; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted first responders who recognize that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by providing valuable services to the communities of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the first responders from the State of New York, who have battled on the front lines, for their heroism during the unprecedented time of crisis created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to first responders from the State of New York.