

**BY:** Senator STEC

**COMMEMORATING** the 125th Annual Convention of the  
Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 125th Annual Convention of the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 125 years of fire protection to the citizens of Northern New York and its surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS,** The 125th Annual Convention of the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2021, and hosted by the Deerfield Fire Company; due to COVID-19, the Association will only be holding an annual meeting and the election of officers, followed by a memorial service; and

**WHEREAS,** The Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association represents 10 counties which include: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Oswego and St. Lawrence; and

**WHEREAS,** Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 125 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 125 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 Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association 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 Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 125 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 125 Annual Convention of the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.