

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**COMMENDING** Chief Joseph Papa upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department

**WHEREAS,** The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

**WHEREAS,** Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend outgoing Chief Joseph Papa upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Inspection Dinner on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Papa was appointed to membership to the New Hyde Park Fire Department on April 1, 1977, where he served as Deputy Chief and Chief of the Department; he has also been an active member of the Active Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, serving as Captain, as well as 1st and 2nd Lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS,** Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Joseph Papa is one such firefighter; throughout more than four decades of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Chief Joseph Papa for 45 years of distinguished service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Joseph Papa.