

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 120th Anniversary of the New
Hartford Fire Department on January 3, 2021

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the New Hartford Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for more than a century of fire protection to the citizens of New Hartford, 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 120 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the New Hartford Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the New Hartford Fire Department continues to protect and preserve the well-being of the health, safety and property of all persons residing, working or otherwise within the department's Fire District; and

WHEREAS, The New Hartford Fire Department strives to protect life from the destruction of fire as it may occur, and furthermore, to make every effort within its ability to reduce the loss of property during such fires; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Fire Department, the New Hartford Firemen's Benevolent Association, created in the early 1930s and made up of all current and former active members of the department, was established to maintain the health and welfare of its membership; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the New Hartford Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 120 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 New Hartford Fire Department 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 New Hartford Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 120 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 120th Anniversary of the New Hartford Fire Department on January 3, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New Hartford Fire Department.