

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Doyle
Hose Company No. 2 of Cheektowaga, New York, to be
celebrated on April 10, 2024

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Doyle Hose Company No. 2 and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection for the citizens of Cheektowaga, New York, and its surrounding communities on Wednesday, April 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Doyle Hose Company No. 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, Volunteer firefighters serve without pay, devote hundreds of hours of time away from family, and in many cases spend their own money on firefighting gear and bear the responsibility for recruitment and retention to maintain organizational stability; and

WHEREAS, On February 24, 1924, at a regular meeting of the Clinton Garden Taxpayers' Association, held at Joseph Galamb's Hall, a motion to organize a fire department was made by Peter Kojm and seconded by Andrew Partacz; the objective was to obtain lower fire insurance rates for the community; and

WHEREAS, On April 10, 1924, the Doyle Hose Company No. 2 was founded with the following men joining: Peter Kojm, Stephen Rogowski, Gust Kalwicki, Joseph Galamb, Albert Krawczyk, Ambrose Cegielski, Adam Strauch, Michael Nikel, Stanley Michalski, Herbert Hunsinger, Louis Lubecki, Valentine Stachowski, John Krinke, Frank Tokasz, Frank Witkowski, Casimir Witkowski, and Edward Witkowski; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Doyle Hose Company No. 2 in public service and fire protection is one to be applauded; for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for 100 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 Doyle Hose Company No. 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, the Doyle Hose Company No. 2 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 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 publicly acknowledge 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 100th Anniversary of the Doyle Hose Company No. 2 to be celebrated on April 10, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Doyle Hose Company No. 2.