

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Otter
Lake Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the Anniversary of the Otter Lake Fire Department, and to honor its past and present firefighting members, for 75 years of fire protection for the citizens of Otter Lake, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Members and guests celebrated this auspicious occasion and the past year's accomplishments of Otter Lake Fire Department at its Annual Installation Dinner, held at the firehouse, in Otter Lake, New York, on Saturday, May 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Fire companies are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 75 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Otter Lake 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, The Otter Lake Fire Department has provided fire protection in the Otter Lake, New York, community; the Department's dedicated and brave firefighters selflessly and tirelessly ensure the safety and welfare of their neighbors, responding to their fire and medical emergencies around the clock; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the decades since its inception, the Otter Lake Fire Department has honored its vision to become the finest fire department possible by utilizing and developing its members to their fullest potential, maximizing their use of the resources available to them, and being responsive to the growth and changing needs of their community; and

WHEREAS, Important values of the Otter Lake Fire Department have been upheld for 75 years; the firefighters give human life top priority and regard service to their fellow citizens as their reason for existence; they believe that integrity, accountability, cooperation, and education are their means to attaining excellence, providing service, and reaching goals; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the members of the Otter Lake Fire Department are committed to utilizing innovation and creativity in solving problems and recognize the contribution of all individuals through mutual respect, diversity, trust, and support; and

WHEREAS, With its impressive force of caring firefighters, the record of the Otter Lake Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be applauded; for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for 75 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble men and women provided aid to their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Otter Lake 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 hazards to life, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Otter Lake Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 75 years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those 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 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 75th Anniversary of the Otter Lake Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Otter Lake Fire Department.