

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Fire Chief Mike Chura in recognition of his heroic action in rescuing a woman from a burning vehicle on August 11, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring, concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is proud to honor an individual who would serve to protect it, lauding particularly one who would clearly endanger his own life and safety on behalf of that cause; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Fire Chief Mike Chura in recognition of his heroic action in rescuing a woman from a burning vehicle on Wednesday, August 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, On the evening of August 11, 2010, Fire Chief Mike Chura was driving in New Jersey's Egg Harbor Township with his family when he noticed a vehicle overturned and burning near a line of trees; and

WHEREAS, A seasoned 25-year firefighter from Syracuse District Fire Department, Fire Chief Mike Chura came to the immediate rescue of the passenger who was trapped inside, suspended by her seat belt; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, Fire Chief Mike Chura instinctually freed the trapped woman and, with the assistance of other civilians who happened upon the scene, pulled her to safety shortly before the vehicle became engulfed in flames; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Mike Chura should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Fire Chief Mike Chura demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Fire Chief Mike Chura in recognition of his heroic action in rescuing a woman from a burning vehicle on August 11, 2010, noting the significance of his immediate and unconditional response in coming to the aid of another in a life-threatening situation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Chief Mike Chura.