

Senate Resolution No. 1165

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club, Region 1, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its 10th Annual Firefighters Ride to benefit the Believe 271 Foundation

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations and events which exemplify the highest standards of community engagement, public service, and charitable spirit; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club, Region 1, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its 10th Annual Firefighters Ride, to be held at the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department in Westmoreland, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club was founded with the goal of promoting motorcycle safety, camaraderie among firefighter motorcyclists, and support for community causes; today, it has grown to encompass more than 300 chapters and over 9,000 members worldwide, united by a shared commitment to service and solidarity; and

**WHEREAS,** The 10th Annual Firefighters Ride exemplifies the Club's dedication to giving back to the community, with all proceeds benefiting the Believe 271 Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide financial support to volunteer firefighters and ladies auxiliary members diagnosed with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its founding, the Believe 271 Foundation has grown through the generosity of donors including local businesses, fire departments, and individuals, ensuring that no firefighter faces their battle alone, and reinforcing a deep sense of brotherhood and compassion within the fire service; and

**WHEREAS,** The Red Knights Region 1, New York Chapter's continued partnership with the Believe 271 Foundation demonstrates the very best of what community service can achieve, merging the traditions of volunteer firefighting with philanthropy, awareness, and fellowship; and

**WHEREAS,** This milestone 10th Annual Ride stands as a testament to the enduring values of honor, unity, and care for others that define both the Red Knights and the broader firefighting community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club,

Region 1, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its 10th Annual Firefighters Ride, and to recognize its invaluable support for the

Believe 271 Foundation and for all those who have served and sacrificed in the name of public safety; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club, Region 1, New York.