

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the
Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pride in recognizing organizations that have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to service, safety, and community; and

WHEREAS, For the past 125 years, the Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department has remained steadfast in its mission to provide professional fire and rescue protection services to the Oriskany Fire District, operating as a 100% volunteer organization dedicated to protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, On June 15, 1900, the Oriskany Fire Company was officially established and equipped with 1,000 feet of hose, two hose carts, four brass pipes, two lanterns, two hose wrenches, two crowbars, and two axes, supplied by the Town of Whitestown to begin its service; and

WHEREAS, The Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department is composed entirely of volunteers who selflessly dedicate their time and skills, finding their reward in the knowledge that they safeguard their neighbors and community whenever flames may rage; and

WHEREAS, The department provides a comprehensive range of emergency services, including fire suppression, fire cause and origin investigations, code inspections, emergency medical response, technical rescue operations on both land and water, and hazardous materials responses; and

WHEREAS, To ensure the highest level of preparedness, the Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department trains its members to the same standards as professional firefighters, maintaining a high level of efficiency and effectiveness in all emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, The department actively engages in public safety education, partnering with the Whitesboro Fire Department to implement community programs such as "Get Out, Stay Out," "Stranger Danger," "Firefighters Are Friends," and "Winter Safety"; and

WHEREAS, The Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department also contributes to the community through participation in local events, support for nonprofit organizations, and financial assistance to causes that benefit the greater good; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, its outreach extends to offering training in CPR, First Aid, and Driver's Safety, ensuring that community members are equipped with essential life-saving skills; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 125-year history, the Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department has remained dedicated to its original

purpose-protecting lives, serving its community, and assisting those in need whenever the call arises; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department, honoring its legacy of service, sacrifice, and dedication to the safety and well-being of the Oriskany community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department.