Assembly Resolution No. 1019

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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Millport Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Anniversary of the Millport Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection for the citizens of Millport, New York; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 25, 2026; 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, Volunteer fire companies 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 Millport 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 Millport Volunteer Fire Company was organized in 1926 and was officially incorporated with the State of New York on March 9, 1956; the first president was William Marshall; and

WHEREAS, The Company's first fire-fighting equipment was a four-wheel hand-drawn truck; at the cost of $400, the first station was built; a rebuilt Cadillac was the first fire truck; the Company also acquired a 1936 Chevrolet dump truck which was converted for use as a fire truck; and

WHEREAS, The present fire station, which was built in the early 1930s, houses the necessary equipment for the services provided, including EMS and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, The Millport Fire Department proudly serves the residents of the Village of Millport, Town of Veteran, and Town of Catlin with an ever-growing total population of more than 3,500 residents; the Department's members serve a rural area of 54 square miles; and

WHEREAS, This fully volunteer fire department, consisting of 28 active members, operates out of one station; the volunteers respond to approximately 175 calls annually while providing mutual aid to seven other fire departments and serving another 20,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, With its impressive force of caring firefighters, the record of the Millport Fire Department 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 men and women selflessly and tirelessly risked their lives to 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, 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 100th Anniversary of the Millport Fire Department; and be it further

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