

Assembly Resolution No. 318

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HONORING outgoing Chief Andrew P. Kelley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 42 years of dedicated service to the Corinth Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor outgoing Chief Andrew P. Kelley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 42 years of dedicated service to the Corinth Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Andrew P. Kelley has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Corinth, New York, Andrew P. Kelley started at the old fire house on Mechanic Street in 1983; he diligently and unwaveringly worked his way through the ranks, proving his commitment to his community and fellow firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Earning the esteem and admiration of his fellow first responders, Andrew P. Kelley achieved the coveted rank of chief of the department, a position he has held for an incredible 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Andrew P. Kelley has watched the growth of the department over decades; accomplishments held dear to him are the construction of the fire house on Saratoga Avenue, as well as the building of seven new fire apparatuses; and

WHEREAS, With a history of devout community service, Andrew P. Kelley retired as Sergeant from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office after 32 years of service; he served in numerous positions with the office, gaining a valuable depth of experience over his tenure; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated volunteer has served on the Corinth Board for the past seven years, holding the admired position of president for the most recent three years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Diane; his children, Marcus and Brittany; step-daughters, Samantha and Sarah; and three grandchildren, Andrew, Wren, and Garbiella; all of whom have felt

privileged to be a part of his fruitful life and rejoices in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Andrew P. Kelley is such a firefighter; throughout 42 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor outgoing Chief Andrew P. Kelley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 42 years of dedicated service to the Corinth Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Chief Andrew P. Kelley.