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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Middleburgh Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Middleburgh Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 125 years of fire protection to the citizens of Middleburgh and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 125 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Middleburgh 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, Firefighting in Middleburgh, New York, has a long and rich history dating back to October of 1780 when the first fire was recorded; however, history of the current department only dates back to January 1888 as the current Middleburgh Fire Department was formed; and

WHEREAS, The rich history of firefighting was done by using the bucket brigade, hand pumpers, hose carts, a steamer engine, and a hook and ladder until motorized fire apparatus came to be; and

WHEREAS, The Middleburgh Fire Department has an active membership roll of 20 members and total membership of 30 individuals; its members are trained in all different types of firefighting skills, as they now answer 150-200 calls a year; and

WHEREAS, Today the Middleburgh Fire Department is only one of two ladders within Schoharie County, and knowing the training that comes with a ladder company is something it is proud of; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Middleburgh Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 125

years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Middleburgh Fire Department are prepared to risk their lives every day to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Middleburgh Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 125 years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted 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 acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer 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 125th Anniversary of the Middleburgh Fire Department; and be it further

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