

## 2013-K976

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the North Collins Volunteer Fire Company, to be celebrated on March 29, 2014

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the North Collins Volunteer Fire Company, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 125 years of fire protection to the citizens of North Collins, New York, 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 North Collins Volunteer Fire Company have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the North Collins Volunteer Fire Company 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 North Collins Volunteer Fire Company 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 North Collins Volunteer Fire Company reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 125 years; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1889, the North Collins Volunteer Fire Company was originally organized as "North Collins Fire Protection" by Ed Rubling, George Smith, Allaster Smith, H.M. Blasdell, David Sherman, and

George Sucher; and

WHEREAS, The fledgling fire company's original equipment, mostly obtained through private donations, consisted of hand pumpers, with the capability of reaching the top of a three-story building and which were operated with six to eight men pulling and pumping, and two-wheeled hose carts carrying 200 feet of hose; firefighting coats and hats were scarce, and the specialized boots had to be purchased by the firefighters themselves; and

WHEREAS, The first siren was installed in 1922, and was blown every day at 1:00 PM for many years; the first motor fire truck was purchased in 1926; and

WHEREAS, In 1958 the fire company was officially incorporated as the North Collins Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., two years after the erection of the fire hall it still calls home; and

WHEREAS, Over the years the North Collins Volunteer Fire Company has upgraded its equipment and facilities to keep pace with the ever-changing needs of its community and advances in fire protection and prevention; two major infrastructure investments include the building of a training center, and the purchase of a Young Pumper/Tanker with a 1,000 gallon tank, along with a 1250 GPM Pump; and

WHEREAS, Today, the North Collins Volunteer Company is ably led by officers: President, Russ Judson; Vice President, Brandon Wilczynski; Treasurer, Aaron Renaldo; and Secretary, Larry Wroblewski; and line officers: Chief, Jim Miller; 1st Assistant Chief, David Wilczynski; 2nd Assistant Chief, Keith Ayers; Captains, Brandon Wilczynski, Aron Ayers, and Kyle Hoffman; and Fire Police Captain, Paul Lawton; 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 North Collins Volunteer Fire Company, to be celebrated on March 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the North Collins Volunteer Fire Company.