

## 2013-J4977

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Cazenovia Fire Department and the Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps for their actions which saved the life of a child on October 26, 2013

WHEREAS, The firefighters and emergency medical personnel of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of rescuing those in danger; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals and organizations who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend the Cazenovia Fire Department and Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps for their actions which saved the life of a child on October 26, 2013; they will be honored at the Madison County Firemen's Association and Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary Banquet on Friday, May 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, On October 26, 2013, a 10-year old boy was playing hide-and-seek outside at a Halloween party when he accidentally fell 18 feet into a well; and

WHEREAS, After receiving an emergency call, the Cazenovia Fire Department (CFD) and the Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps (CAVAC) immediately rushed to the scene, encountering an extremely desperate situation; and

WHEREAS, A young boy had fallen into a well opening 24 inches in diameter, preventing first responders from accessing the trapped child; in addition, no one was able to make any contact with the boy; and

WHEREAS, Moving quickly, CFD units were dispatched to secure sight lighting, bring ladders, and transport other rescue equipment to the

well; using a special long handled pike pole, the emergency personnel on the scene discovered the boy; and

WHEREAS, CFD members then found a way to secure the pike pole to the boy's apparel and were able to pull him hand over hand to safety; and

WHEREAS, CAVAC personnel were well prepared on stand-by, and immediately began life saving procedures; the child was badly hurt and had a difficult prognosis; and

WHEREAS, Displaying true professionalism and teamwork, members of both rescue groups carried out chest compressions and the most advanced life saving methods possible once in the ambulance; he was then driven under police escort to SUNY Upstate Medical Center for further medical attention; and

WHEREAS, The young boy miraculously survived that day thanks to the heroic and dedicated efforts of numerous members of the Cazenovia Fire Department and Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and

WHEREAS, The CFD and CAVAC, through their spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated their character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body, pause in its deliberations, to commend the Cazenovia Fire Department and Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps for their actions which saved the life of the young boy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Cazenovia Fire Department and Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps.