

## 2015-J2856

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the North Rose Fire Company, Inc. to be celebrated July 9-11, 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the North Rose Fire Company, Inc., and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of North Rose, New York and its surrounding communities; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the North Rose Fire Company, Inc. to be celebrated July 9-11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The members of the North Rose Fire Company and the entire community of North Rose will come together to celebrate this auspicious occasion with a series of events to be held from July 9-11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments 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 North Rose 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, In May of 1915, a meeting was held in the office of H. C. Miner who, with his father, were enthusiastic workers in forming a Volunteer Fire Department; there were eight men present, and the following officers were elected: Chief, R. D. Dickinson; Assistant Chief, Clare Peterson; Secretary and Treasurer, H. C. Miner; and

WHEREAS, One week later, another meeting was held and 32 men signed the roll; the organization was officially called the North Rose Chemical Company; and

WHEREAS, On July 4, 1915, a celebration was held, and due to the hard work of the members and the support of the community, \$500.00 above all

expenses was realized; this amount placed the North Rose Fire Department on a sound financial basis; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 1917, a Hook and Ladder Company was organized with 27 men; the officers elected were: President, H. E. Patrick; and Secretary, Seth C. Oaks; and

WHEREAS, The Hook and Ladder Company was heartily welcomed into the North Rose Fire Department by Chief Dickinson and the members of the old company; due to the war conditions, however, it was decided to consolidate the two Companies; and

WHEREAS, The North Rose Fire Department consisted of 50 members, and had pleasant club rooms on the second floor; the officers of the Department were: Chief, H. E. Patrick; first Assistant Chief, R. D. Dickinson; Second Assistant Chief, Ross McOmber; President, H. A. Tellier; Vice-President, C. D. Dillingham; Recording Secretary, Charles Dean; Financial Secretary, Ray Harris; Treasurer, Llyod Marshall; Trustees, B. V. Drury, James Lundergan; and Drill Master, Reverend O. D. Dutcher; and

WHEREAS, The Honor Roll of members who proudly served as members of the United States Amed Forces included: George Ball Jr., L. K. Boyd, S. C. Oaks, Hayes Catchpole, Edwin Catchpole, Lieutenant Dr. F. F. Fronev, and Lieutenant H. C. Miner; one member, Orrin Thompson, made the supreme sacrifice, having died in the United States Naval Hospital in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the North Rose Fire Company in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 100 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of Chief, Dennis M. Wigfield; 1st Assistant Chief, Mark L. Anthony; 2nd Assistant Chief, Sean P. Guthrie; Truck Captain, Jack T. Fitzpatrick, Safety Officer, Michael Virts; EMS Captain, Seth J. Hysack; Lieutenants, Jerry Eidman,

Trisha Fitzpatrick, Jake R. Fox, John Fox, Andrew Guthrie, and Amber Hysack; President, Andrew Guthrie; Vice President, Seth J. Hysack; Secretary, Edward Darling; and Treasurer, Jeremy Sears; Training Officer, Dennis M. Wigfield, and Trustees, Steve Guthrie, Norma J.

Russell-Eidman, Jeremy Sears, and Richard E. Wigfield, the brave firefighters of the North Rose 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 Rose Fire Company reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 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 100th Anniversary of the North Rose Fire Company, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dennis M. Wigfield, Chief, North Rose Fire Department.