

## 2015-J4662

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Clarence Fire Company

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Clarence Fire Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for a century of fire protection to the citizens of Clarence, 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 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Clarence 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, Established in March of 1916, the first Clarence Fire Company was comprised of 25 area men who volunteered their services to protect the property of their fellow citizens against fire; by means of subscription, they were able to purchase the fire hall at the top of Academy Hill as well as a hand-drawn chemical firefighting wagon; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 1920, a petition was presented to the Clarence Town Board proposing formation of a fire corporation to be known as the Clarence Fire Company; two years later, a fire district supported by taxes was formed; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Clarence Fire Company has grown and expanded to meet the changing needs of its community while its courageous volunteers maintained their passionate commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the able leadership of Chief Jeffrey Schlabach, the Clarence Fire Company continues to provide vital services in the areas of firefighting, emergency medical services, search and rescue, and hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Clarence Fire Department 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, The brave firefighters of the Clarence 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, 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 Clarence Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Chief, Jeffrey Schlabach, Clarence Fire Company.