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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Genoa, 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 Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Friday, July 17th, 2016 at Meyers Park in Lansing, New York; 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 Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. 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 1910, three years after the "Big Fire" in Genoa which damaged many buildings and businesses were lost, the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. purchased its first piece of apparatus from American LaFrance, the Champion No. 10, which had one cylinder with a water capacity of 45 gallons; and

WHEREAS, In 1913, a new, 700 pound bell was installed on the original engine house of the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. which is now a museum owned and run by Peter Signor; the bell was removed some time later because of a crack which was created when the bell was rung so hard and so long for a barn fire that it cracked; and

WHEREAS, A chemical tank affixed to a 1934 Ford chassis was used alongside a 1946 International that carried a John Bean High Pressure

fog system; these two units were housed in the fire station on Main Street with double doors opening up to the street; and

WHEREAS, In 1915, the Fire Association was incorporated, becoming the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; land was purchased and a new house was built in 1950; and

WHEREAS, For over a century the men and women of the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., have provided valuable service to the community of Genoa by responding to emergencies involving structure fires, motor vehicle accidents and residential medical calls; and

WHEREAS, One hundred years after formation, members of the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. continue to serve their district as Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders by making house calls since 1915; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Genoa Volunteer 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, Today, under the luminous leadership of Chief, Brian Howe; Deputy Chief, Matt Rejman; Assistant Chief, Bob White; 2nd Assistant Chief, Brad MacArthur; Fire Captain, Mark Connor; Fire Lieutenant, John Connor; Rescue Captain, Joe Doeing; Rescue Lieutenant, Jim Malseed; President, Matt Rejman; Vice President, Bob White; Secretary, Lorin Correl; and Treasurer, Doug Radcliffe, the brave firefighters of the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. 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 Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. 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 Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian Howe, Chief, Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.