

## 2023-J2554

Senate Resolution No. 2554

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Chief Digin Patel for 14 years of  
dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire  
Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and  
indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every  
day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and  
the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic  
magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute  
and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chief Digin  
Patel for 14 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire  
Department, to be celebrated its 114th Annual Installation-Inspection  
Dinner on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach,  
New York; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride,  
valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to  
respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation  
accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill  
of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, Digin Patel joined the New Hyde Park Fire Department on March 2, 2010, and has been an active member of Rescue Company No. 4, having served as Captain, 1st Lieutenant, and 2nd Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed firefighter was elected as Deputy Chief and Chief of the Department from 2019-2023, esteemed positions which he unfalteringly fulfilled with dignity, compassion, and grace; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Chief Digin Patel is one such firefighter; throughout his years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Chief Digin Patel for 14 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department, and to wish him success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Digin Patel.