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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Delhi Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Delhi Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 150 years of fire protection to the citizens of Delhi, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The Delhi Fire Department was organized on April 11, 1860, and consisted of two companies, Coquago Engine Company No. 1 and Red Jacket Hose Company No. 2; in the ensuing years, the Delhi Fire Department expanded to include a total of six companies; and

WHEREAS, In 1900, the Delhi Fire Department reorganized itself into four companies which included, Active Hose Company No. 1, Youmans Hose Company No. 2, Graham Hook and Ladder Company No. 3 and Sheldon Hose Company No. 4; and

WHEREAS, In 1908, Company No. 3 changed its name to Delhi Hook and Ladder; in 1909, the Jackson Auxiliary was formed and based its operations out of a home located on Clinton Street; and

WHEREAS, The Delhi Fire Department was able to purchase its very first motorized truck in 1918; then in 1924, it acquired two motorized pumpers, a Reo Speed Wagon Hose and Chemical Truck and a Larabee pumper; and

WHEREAS, In 1934, the Delhi Rural Fire District was formed and was responsible for purchasing and maintaining apparatus and equipment for fires outside the Delhi Village; however, the Delhi Fire Department provided the manpower for the District; and

WHEREAS, The Delhi Emergency Squad organized as a Company within the Delhi Fire Department in 1966; the same year, the Fire Police was formed as well as the Lewis Engine Company, providing coverage to the residents of Hamden; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Delhi Joint Fire District was formed, unifying Village and Rural fire districts into one entity; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 150 years, the

courageous and devoted firefighters of the Delhi 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, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Delhi Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 150 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 Delhi Fire Department 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 Delhi Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 150 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 150th Anniversary of the Delhi Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Delhi Fire Department.