

## 2015-J1097

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lieutenant Kevin Monahan upon the occasion of his designation as the Firefighter of the Year by the New Hartford Fire Department

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lieutenant Kevin Monahan upon the occasion of his designation as the Firefighter of the Year by the New Hartford Fire Department, to be celebrated at an event sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Hartford, on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at the Yahnundasis Golf Club, New Hartford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Monahan became a member of the New Hartford Fire Department in June of 1992; seven years later, he moved out of the district; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2012, Kevin Monahan returned to the area and he rejoined the New Hartford Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, For the last three years, Kevin Monahan has been a vital member of the Fire Prevention Committee, and has responded to hundreds of emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Kevin Monahan faithfully attends weekly drills at the department, and has also participated in over 20 state fire schools, studying advanced skills related to fire service; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Kevin Monahan was proudly elected to the esteemed position of 4th Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide

the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; 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; Kevin Monahan is such a 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; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lieutenant Kevin Monahan upon the occasion of his designation as the Firefighter of the Year by the New Hartford Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Kevin Monahan.