

## 2013-J1009

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter William Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 46 years of dedicated service to the Willowvale Fire Company, Inc. in Chadwicks, New York

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, The Town of New Hartford contracts with the Willowvale Fire Company to provide fire and EMS services to the Chadwicks and Washington Mills areas and, in 2001, the Willowvale Fire Company proudly hosted the Oneida County Volunteer Firemen's Convention; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Hughes has served as a Volunteer Firefighter for 46 years, since 1966; after serving 30 of those 46 years as Chief of the Willowvale Fire Company, he has decided to retire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter William Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 46 years of dedicated service to the Willowvale Fire Company, Inc. in Chadwicks, New York, where William Hughes resides with his wife Janet; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate his remarkable career and service to his community the Willowvale Fire Company is honoring William Hughes at a dinner to be held at Danielle's Banquet Hall in New Hartford, New York on Saturday, April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, William Hughes has served as a volunteer firefighter since 1966; he has been a leader of the Willowvale Fire Company and is always there for those in the community when needed; 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; William Hughes is such a firefighter; throughout his 46 years of devoted service, William Hughes has 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 commend Firefighter William Hughes for 46 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Hughes.