

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 9TH, 2013, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 9th day of May, 2013, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Fire Department's first formal meeting was held on February 10th, 1938 at the home of Town Supervisor John L. Mesmer, Jr., who was chosen chairman of the group; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Fire Department petitioned the Grand Island Town Board for the right to organize, and on April 11, 1938 was granted permission for the formation of the Company; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Fire Department held its first regular meeting on May 18th, 1938, where officers were elected and the purchase of their first fire truck, Engine #1, a 1938 500 GPM pumper was authorized; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Fire Department entered into its first contract to provide protection adequate to the needs of its residents in 1940; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Fire Department has grown through the years, having moved into its modern, efficient headquarters with two substations in 2003, offering a cadre of highly trained firefighters, paramedics and advanced EMT's, and the one-truck operation of 1938 has grown to an emergency fleet consisting of three ALS rescue vehicles, four pumpers, one heavy-duty rescue truck, three utility vehicles, a boat, and vehicles for the chief officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize **The Grand Island Fire Department** on its 75th anniversary, and commend them on their exemplary service to the community of the Town of Grand Island.

Kevin R. Hardwick
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature