

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 28TH, 2016 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 28th day of April, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Raymond W. Pauley and his wife Sam moved to Grand Island in 1962, and immediately wanted to do something for the community. Joining the Grand Island Fire Department in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Raymond W. Pauley has public service in his blood, with his father and grandfather being Buffalo Police Officers, and his great-grandfather being part of the Village of Buffalo Fire Department before the city was chartered; and

WHEREAS, Raymond W. Pauley worked as an Erie County Social Worker and then for the New York State Division of Parole; and

WHEREAS, Raymond W. Pauley was involved in fighting many of the Island's major fires over the years, including the Bedell House fire at the end of Ferry Road, the Beaver Island Casino fire and the Mesmer Dairy fire; and

WHEREAS, Raymond W. Pauley has provided years of leadership to the Grand Island Fire Company rank and file, holding positions since 1970, including Second Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief and Fire Chief, and has served on the Grand Island Fire Department Board of Review and the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Raymond W. Pauley was appointed as the first Grand Island Fire Company Public Information Officer, a position created by former Fire Chief Peter McMahon in the 1980's, which he still maintains; and

WHEREAS, Raymond W. Pauley received the 2015 Chiefs Award for his 52 active years and selfless dedication to the Grand Island Fire Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge the outstanding achievement of **Raymond W. Pauley**, upon his being named April 2016 Erie County Citizen of the Month and for his over 50 years of dedicated service to Grand Island Fire Department and commitment to the people of Grand Island and the County of Erie.

Kevin R. Hardwick.
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County