

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 15, 2021 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 15th day of April, 2021 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

Encouraging Participation in RecruitNY on April 24-25 to Raise Awareness for the Need to Recruit New Members of the Fire Service

WHEREAS, First Responders are a vital part of every community who maintain safety and order in times of crisis, and many also enhance their communities as volunteers for service organizations, churches, and schools; and

WHEREAS, RecruitNY was established in 2011 and as a joint undertaking by the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), New York State Association of Fire Chiefs (NYSAFC), Association of Fire Districts of New York State, Volunteer Fire Police Association of the State of New York, and County Fire Coordinators Association of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, RecruitNY will be held throughout the weekend of April 24-25, 2021 when many firehouses across New York State are choosing to organize a virtual open house or conduct other digital outreach in an effort to attract new volunteers; and

WHEREAS, RecruitNY showcases the opportunities and rewards that come with being a volunteer firefighter and to raise awareness about the need to recruit more volunteers; and

WHEREAS, during the past several years more than 20,000 new volunteer firefighters have answered the call to join the ranks of the fire service through initiatives such as RecruitNY; and

WHEREAS, RecruitNY has helped expand the message of the importance of volunteer fire service and the significance of firefighters and other first responders to the safety and well-being of the residents in the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize RecruitNY and thank the volunteer firefighters and first responders in Erie County, and encourage residents to consider answering the call to become an active participant in the volunteer fire service.