

PROCLAMATION

**TO COMMEMORATE
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF
THE HUNTINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Huntington Volunteer Fire Company was formed in December of 1945, when 32 residents of the Huntington and Parkside area of the Township of Pohatcong met at the old Shimer School to form a fire company to protect the area that was being developed with new homes; and

WHEREAS, in January 1946, the Huntington Volunteer Fire Department Association was formed and elected the first President, Charles Hennion. The first Fire Chief was Gabriel Kober who served as chief from 1946 through 1957; and

WHEREAS, six lots located at the intersection of Maple and Chestnut Avenues were purchased for \$600.00 in December 1946 with money raised through fund raising efforts. This property became Station 75-1, and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1949 the Huntington Volunteer Fire Company purchased a Ford fire truck for \$900 from Reliance Hose Company of Phillipsburg. At this time, the Huntington Volunteer Fire Company had fifteen active firefighters and five fire policemen appointed by the president; and

WHEREAS, in 1950 the firemen voted in favor of establishing the Warren County Fire Academy and made application to join the New Jersey State Firemen's Relief Association with William Fritts as secretary and the Township of Pohatcong adopted a fire ordinance in 1951; and

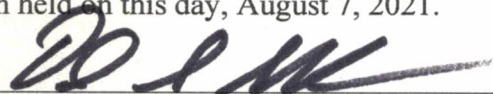
WHEREAS, the Fire Company's first new fire truck, a Ward LaFrance, and new communications equipment was delivered on May 8, 1956; and

WHEREAS, Fire Station 75-2 was dedicated in the Warren Glen section of the Township in 1986; and

WHEREAS, there have been many changes to the Township of Pohatcong since the inception of the Huntington Volunteer Fire Company, they have continued to evolve to proudly and honorably provide an invaluable service to the Township residents and businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council along with the residents of the Township of Pohatcong express our sincere appreciation to the Huntington Volunteer Fire Company for their 75 years of dedication and service to the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Pohatcong proudly commend and congratulate the Huntington Volunteer Fire Company on their 75th Anniversary celebration held on this day, August 7, 2021.



David S. Slack, Mayor