

County of Warren  
Board of County Commissioners



# Proclamation

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HUNTINGTON  
VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. NO. 1  
AUGUST 2021

**WHEREAS**, in December 1945, 32 residents of the Huntington and Parkside area of Pohatcong Township met to form a fire company to protect the area that was beginning to be developed with houses; and

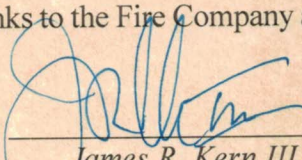
**WHEREAS**, in January 1946, the Huntington Volunteer Fire Department Association was formed with Charles Hennion elected as its first president and Gabriel Kober named the first fire chief; and

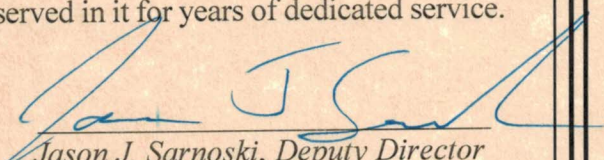
**WHEREAS**, in December 1946, six lots at the intersection of Maple and Chestnut Avenues were purchased for \$600 that was collected by fundraising, and this property became Station 75-1, to be joined 40 years later by Station 75-2 in the Warren Glen section of Pohatcong Township; and

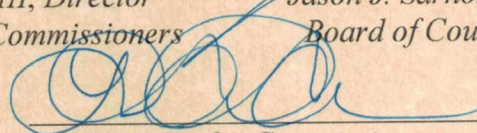
**WHEREAS**, the fire department continued its growth over the years, purchasing a used Ford fire truck from Reliance Hose Company of Phillipsburg for \$900 and joining the Warren County Firemen's Association in 1949; acquiring parade uniforms in 1952; installing a fire alarm box in front of the firehouse in 1953; buying its first new truck and new communications equipment in 1956; buying new bunker gear for firefighters in 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years the scope of the fire company has evolved into many tasks beyond traditional firefighting, as the company now assists in many services within Pohatcong Township, including EMS response, extrication services and travel control at motor vehicle accidents and water rescue for all the waterways within township limits, and mutual aid to other communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren congratulates Huntington Volunteer Fire Company Number 1 of the Pohatcong Township Fire Department on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and thanks to the Fire Company and all who have served in it for years of dedicated service.

  
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