

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the volunteer firefighters and support personnel of Hope Hose Company No. 2 and Beverly Fire Company No. 1 serve an essential day to day role in the protection of lives and property in the City of Beverly and the Township of Edgewater Park and the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of Beverly, Fire District No. 1, and the citizens of the respective communities hold the volunteer fire service and support staff in the highest esteem and reverence; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and commends the service of all volunteers within the District, however, an occasion often arises wherein specific volunteers should be recognized for their actions; and

WHEREAS, one such occasion arose on the morning of December 29, 2017, when fire personnel from within the District were dispatched and responded to Delanco Township for a confirmed residential structure fire with occupants trapped on the third floor roof and the porch; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival, the structure was engulfed in flames with heavy smoke and high heat conditions; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of **Chief Michael Johnson**, firefighting personnel consisting of **Lieutenant Steven Meyers, Firefighter Stephen Campolongo, Firefighter Joshua Harris and Firefighter Brian Larocque**, were ordered to attack the fire and to assist in the rescue of the trapped occupants; and

WHEREAS, during the incident, **Chief Johnson, Firefighter Harris and Firefighter Campolongo** assisted in rescuing two (2) occupants from the roof and **Lieutenant Meyers and Firefighter Larocque** removed two (2) firefighters from a precarious situation after they had fallen through a hole in the floor while performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the professional, skilled and trained evaluation of the conditions of the structure by **Chief Johnson, Lieutenant Meyers, Firefighter Campolongo, Firefighter Harris and Firefighter Larocque**, upon their arrival, and their courageous actions throughout the incident, no occupants were injured and all firefighters returned safely to their families and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of Beverly, Fire District No. 1, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey on this 21st day of May, 2018, that it recognize and commend the professionalism and dedication of **Chief Johnson, Lieutenant Meyers, Firefighter Campolongo, Firefighter Harris and Firefighter Larocque** on that fateful day for their commitment to their office and that their conduct be exemplary to all who follow.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to Hope Hose Company No. 2, Beverly Fire Company No. 1 and the Mayor and Council of the City of Beverly.

KEVIN MICKLE, CHAIRMAN