

**RESOLUTION NO. 352-1009**

**SUPPORTING AN INCREASE IN FUNDING PROVIDED TO THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINING**

WHEREAS, firefighter training provided by the Department of State administered under the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, OFPC, has proven to be an effective method of preparing firefighters in Orleans County to respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the State's 100,000 dedicated Volunteers contribute payroll and benefits savings commensurate with their career counterparts of more than 7 billion dollars annually, local governments cannot afford to pick up this expense; and

WHEREAS, firefighter training is conducted for both career and volunteer fire departments throughout the state, serving approximately 125,000 firefighters in more than 1,850 fire departments; and

WHEREAS, NYS Division of Budget allocations fluctuate with the State's fiscal needs, which are not consistent with the local demand for firefighter training; and

WHEREAS, funding for both entry level and advanced training of firefighters in Orleans County has suffered due to a lack of dedicated funding for the various training programs delivered by OFPC; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature is in favor of increasing the amount of dedicated funding provided by the Department of State to OFPC in order to ensure that the training needs of our local firefighters are met so they may provide service to their respective communities within Orleans County; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to New York State Governor David Paterson, Senator George Maziarz, Assemblyman Stephen Hawley, NYSAC, InterCounty Association of Western New York; and Floyd Paterson, State Fire Administrator, Department of State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

Moved, Johnson; second, Kent.

Adopted. 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent.