West Deptford Township

Proclamation

WHEREAS, In June of 1916 a group of five individuals met to discuss fire defense to protect the growing businesses and homes in the Verga section of West Deptford Township, thereby creating the Verga Fire Company #1 and by July of that same year, through an election of officers, Mr. Charles Riley was elected as the first President of Verga Fire Company #1; and

WHEREAS, by September of 1916, the by-laws and a constitution were created for Verga Fire Company #1 and the first Chief and Line Officers were appointed, making Mr. John Cundy Sr. the first Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Verga Fire Company #1 has operated a comprehensive fleet of vehicles, from their very first 1919 Ford Chassis, with ladder racks and equipment holders, in which the volunteers used buckets and hand extinguishers as the first fire-fighting equipment, to their 2001 KME 100 foot Ladder Tower Truck; and

WHEREAS, the members of Verga Fire Company #1 are all volunteers, undergoing extensive training and countless hours away from their families to provide peace of mind to the residents of West Deptford Township; and

WHEREAS, to date Verga Fire Company #1 has 26 active members and operates one Engine, one Ladder Truck , one Heavy Rescue Truck, one Brush Truck, one Quick Attack Vehicle, one Marine Unit, and one Command Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, from their humble beginnings of meeting under a donated tent on the empty lot purchased in 1917, that houses the Company Fire Hall today, Verga Fire Company #1 has continued to serve this community through their commitment and determination of their selfless and dedicated group of volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford do hereby honor and extend our sincere gratitude for 100 years of dedicated service to the citizens of West Deptford Township.

PRESENTED this 4th day of May 2016.

Denice DiCarlo

DENICE DICARLO, MAYOR