

RESOLUTION 2002 -095

A RESOLUTION CREATING "THE LIEUTENANT KEVIN PFEIFER AWARD FOR BRAVERY" FOR FUTURE ACTS OF BRAVERY PERFORMED BY NASSAU COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE PERSONNEL.

WHEREAS, the tragedy that struck our Nation on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center brought to the forefront all that is extraordinary about the work of the courageous men and women of our Nation's many Fire and Rescue Departments, who risk their lives everyday to save the lives of innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County, Florida, currently has no specific award that is given to Fire/Rescue personnel for acts of bravery, but the Board of County Commissioners desires now to establish one; and

WHEREAS, that award would be for the future acts of bravery by Fire/Rescue personnel, who would be recognized for their bravery, above and beyond the call of duty, in saving lives of other firefighters and/or innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Kevin Pfeifer of the New York City Fire Department began his career in 1982 as a paramedic for the New York City Fire Department's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed in 1990 as a firefighter to Ladder Company 108 in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, he was then promoted through the ranks to Lieutenant in 1999 and assigned to Engine 33 on the Lower East Side of Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, it was in this position that Lt. Pfeifer lost his life in the line of duty; going above and beyond the call of duty by his heroic efforts to rescue innocent civilians from the World Trade Center, without regard for his own personal safety; and

WHEREAS, his heroic efforts serve as a model of bravery for all fire and rescue personnel; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Pfeifer comes from a distinguished family of firefighters, which includes his brother Battalion Chief Joseph W. Pfeifer, who, in his position as Battalion Chief of Battalion One in Lower Manhattan, was the first Battalion Chief on the scene of the World Trade Center disaster, and who consequently lost 68 men, including his own brother, Lt. Kevin Pfeifer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

As unanimously supported by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, an award, entitled "The Lieutenant Kevin Pfeifer Award for Bravery", is hereby established for the Fire/Rescue Department of Nassau

County, Florida, to honor future acts of bravery where Fire/Rescue personnel will be recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty in saving the lives of other firefighters and/or innocent civilians; and

By naming this Award "The Lt. Kevin Pfeifer Award for Bravery", it will keep the memory of Lt. Pfeiffer's heroic acts alive for future generations; and

This Resolution shall be presented by Chairman Deonas to the Fire Department of New York's Battalion Chief Joseph Pfeifer, of Battalion One in Lower Manhattan, brother of Lt. Kevin Pfeifer.

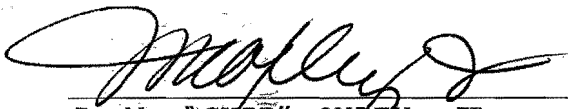
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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



NICK D. DEONAS  
Its: Chairman

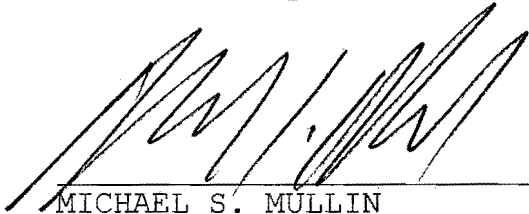
  
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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney

  
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