



August 2, 2021

Resolution No. 3
Office of the Mayor
Village of Rensselaer Falls, NY
County of St. Lawrence

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2021 at 9:01pm New York State Trooper Benson, Troop B URT was in the right place at the right time. The State Trooper Facebook page states, “He was right there when he got a call for five kids swimming, stranded, after the water level rose. Using his swift water training, one by one, he and the local fire chief went into the water & brought them to shore.”; and

WHEREAS, this scene's level of professionalism should be recognized, the calmness and integrity displayed in this situation was swift and on point. The goal of teamwork and optimism made the situation manageable; and

WHEREAS, the missions success was largely due to the leadership of Trooper Benson and brought to fruition through the support and assistance of the Rensselaer Falls Fire and Rescue Department, under the leadership of Fire Chief Dallas Denny; and

WHEREAS, for all of those that were on scene, in the water and out of the water who helped aid and assist in the situation should be recognized for their contributions to the success of the rescue of five stranded teenagers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Rensselaer Falls would like to recognize Officer Benson, Fire Chief Dallas Denny and all of the firemen and women who serve on our front lines. Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders are a critical service provided to our communities and it is in situations like these that we understand the importance of their duties and responsibilities to our communities. We thank you.

Michael S. Hammond, Mayor
Village of Rensselaer Falls