

Resolution No. 14-17
of the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township

Whereas, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, with deep gratitude and immense pride and admiration, salutes the **OGONTZ FIRE COMPANY** on the momentous occasion of its 125th Anniversary; and

Whereas, In early 1892, a general store owner and a druggist raised \$100 to install a fire hydrant, an action that sparked the creation of **OGONTZ FIRE COMPANY** later that same year. The first fund drive garnered \$175 for 250 feet of hose and a hose cart. By 1908, the Company received its official charter, and officers held a meeting to vote every man residing in the village a fireman. The Company moved into its first home at 8100 Old York Road in 1925, constructed its own building at Church and Old York Roads in 1952, and dedicated a more efficient, multi-bay station at Old York Road and the York Road Spur in 1980; and

Whereas, The **OGONTZ FIRE COMPANY** continually procured more innovative trucks and equipment, adopting self-contained breathing apparatus and foam generating nozzles in 1950, FM radios in 1952, a “squad truck” for additional equipment and personnel in 1959, and home alerts for firefighters in the 1960s. While the demands on decreasing numbers of volunteers has steadily increased to an average of more than 400 calls per year, the **OGONTZ FIRE COMPANY** remains unwaveringly committed to its motto to “face the past with pride and the future with courage.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, duly convened in regular session this Fifteenth Day of March, A.D., 2017, does hereby officially salute the **OGONTZ FIRE COMPANY** for its outstanding service to the Cheltenham Township community for 125 years and applauds its continuing protection. It is further directed that this Resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be conveyed the Ogontz Fire Company Banquet on March 4, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MORTON J. SIMON JR., President of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham to be made a part thereof. DONE AT ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham, the one hundred and eighteenth.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP**

By: Morton J. Simon Jr.
Morton J. Simon, Jr., President

Attest: Bryan T. Havir
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Township Manager and Secretary