



**Resolution 2017-11 By the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors  
Relative to Commending the Honey Brook Fire Company**

WHEREAS, fires were initially fought by Honey Brookers passing buckets of water from one man to another pumped from wells, and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 1892, the Honey Brook Borough Council met to take into consideration the formation of the Honey Brook Fire Company (HBFC), and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 1892, the Council voted to borrow the necessary monies to purchase a the first apparatus for the HBFC, and horse-drawn fire pump, and

WHEREAS, ay the first meeting of the Honey Brook Fire Company No.1, held at 4621 Horseshoe Pike in the Council "chambers" over the Adam Troup Saddle Shop, seven officers and four trustees were elected and appointed, respectively, and

WHEREAS, at the February 10, 1911 meeting of the HBFC, the present property for the Fire Hall was purchased for the sum of \$600, and

WHEREAS, the cornerstone for said fire hall was laid on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1911, by John McElhaney, then the oldest member of the Fire Company and a Civil War veteran, and

WHEREAS, the burning of the \$4,000 mortgage took place on November 19, 1927, by David Buchanan, then the oldest member of the Fire Company, and

WHEREAS, the property was added to in March 1931 when the old drove lots were purchased from William J. Epphimer at cost, and

WHEREAS, a complement of seven vehicles currently serves the community via the HBFC, and

WHEREAS, since 1892, twenty-two other HBFC vehicles have been retired from service, and

WHEREAS, with the aforementioned apparatus used by the volunteers of the HBFC provides Fire & Rescue Service to Honey Brook Borough and Honey Brook Township in Chester County as well as portions of Salisbury Township and Caernarvon Township in Lancaster County, in addition to mutual aid to numerous fire companies in Chester, Lancaster, and Berks counties, and

WHEREAS, in 2016 alone, the forty-seven current crew of the HBFC responded to 289 fires; and scores of past crew have responded to countless hundreds of incidents over the years, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors, John McHugh, Chair, Tracy Olsen, Vice Chair, and Travis Stacey, Member, recognize and congratulate the Honey Brook Fire Company volunteers, past and present, "Diverse in Life; United in Effort," on their round-the-clock 125 years of service during fires and rescues in the protection of our citizens.

Dated this 12th Day of July, 2017.

John McHugh, Chairman

Tracy Olsen, Vice Chair

Travis Stacey, Member

