PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 184-2021

A resolution to honor the rescue and recovery workers that worked at or near Ground Zero in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and that have succumbed to a 9/11 related illness.

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, tens of thousands of responding police, firefighters, military, medical, construction, cleanup and recovery workers participated in the rescue and recovery operations at Ground Zero; and

WHEREAS, these rescue aid recovery workers were exposed to hazardous toxins that were released into the air as a result of the attacks and the fires that burned for the next 100 days; and

WHEREAS, over the months and years that followed, family rescue aid recovery workers developed cancer or other ailments due to their exposure to these poisons, and sadly, many have died; and

WHEREAS, rescue and recovery workers continue to be diagnosed with ailments relating to their service at Ground Zero; and

WHEREAS, of those that have become sick or have died as a result of their heroic work at Ground Zero, many live or had lived in Nassau County, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, to honor these individuals, the names of those that have succumbed to a 9/11 related illness due to their work at Ground Zero shall be inscribed upon the 9/11 Memorial at Eisenhower Park, and be it further

RESOLVED, that an advisory committee to be known as the "9/11 Memorial Committee" shall be established, to which each of the following entities shall have an appointment: the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association, the Nassau County Sheriff Officers Benevolent Association, the Nassau County Superior Officers Association, Nassau County Correction Officers Benevolent Association, the Nassau County Detectives Association, and the Civil Service Employment Association Local 830; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it shall the responsibility of the 9/11 Memorial Committee to receive and to approve the names to be inscribed upon the 9/11 Memorial at Eisenhower Park pursuant to this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.