

the great city of Mount Vernon, New York joins the Fire Administration in recognizing the retirement of ***FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD***, from Active Service on June 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** ***FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD*** served three years in the United States Navy and then on September 6, 1999, he joined the Mount Vernon Fire Department. Firefighter Tilford loved and was honored to serve his country while in the Navy. He often spoke about the pride and gratitude he felt. We are grateful that he has poured that same passion and commitment into our community for more than twenty-four years; and

**WHEREAS,** ***FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD*** was assigned Motor Pump Operator to Engine Company 206. He served in this capacity with pride and consistency. Firefighter Tilford was known as the “Gentle Giant and Gentleman” of the fire station. He is always willing to assist and mentor new firefighters. He is always uplifting and displays an infectious positive attitude; and

**WHEREAS,** ***FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD*** received numerous recognitions during his service, including Unit Citations and Letters of Appreciation. He leaves an honorable legacy of leadership and commitment in the department, and the city of Mount Veron, New York. His duty to the community reflects great credit upon himself; and ***NOW THEREFORE***, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the City Council joins with the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, to recognize and honor ***FIREFIGHTER NATHANIEL TILFORD***, for his exemplary service during his tenure and for his dedication and commitment to our great city.

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***August, 2024***