

RESOLUTION # _____ (2019) – Establishment of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the Town of Dryden

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, recognizes the need for enhanced emergency response resources in the wake of recent, unprecedented, natural disasters in the state of New York and the likelihood that such events will increasingly occur; and

WHEREAS, first responders to such natural disasters, and other emergencies, must address often overwhelming circumstances in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program under its Citizen Corps, a subsidiary of the USA Freedom Corps created by Executive Order 13254 in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Dryden has the authority to establish a CERT program that can train community members to help first responders and address various needs in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government offers resources to assist in the establishment and maintenance of a CERT program, including materials for training and certification of CERT members; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden has a Safety and Preparedness Committee to establish and oversee a CERT program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the town board of the Town of Dryden tasks the Safety and Preparedness Committee to establish and oversee a CERT program.