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Executive Board Resolution No. 20-01 President Emeritus Status for John Martell

WHEREAS, Brother Martell has been on the front lines as a Firefighter/Paramedic in the Cities of Saco and Portland and retired from Portland on November 30th, 2014, with 23 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Saco and Portland; and

WHEREAS, Brother Martell was an active member of both IAFF Local 2300 [Saco] and IAFF Local 740 [Portland] and has supported both IAFF Locals, served on various committees and held several positions in his locals; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Brother Martell was elected by acclamation to serve as President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maine [PFFMaine] by the leadership/members of the PFFMaine at the October 2007 Quarterly meeting; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as President of the PFFMaine, Brother Martell has had a vision for the PFFMaine that enhanced existing programs, created new ones, like the Organizing & Field Services Program and our Behavioral Health Response Plan and implemented strategies that advanced legislation that improved the health/safety and the lives and livelihoods of our members, protect our union and employee rights and defended against any and all legislation that attempted to reduce and/or eliminate those benefits and programs impacting our members and their families and worked hard to elect firefighter friendly officials at the Local, State and National levels of Government; and

WHEREAS, Brother Martell's leadership with the support and involvement of the PFFMaine's Executive Board, our affiliate leaders and their members contributed to the PFFMaine's success in defeating the Palesky/Tabor Tax Caps, LePage's attempts to raid our Retiree Healthcare fund, and make Maine a Right-to-Work State and was able to get legislation enacted that included, but was not limited to:

- Banning of DECA FR (2nd in nation to do so)
- Banning of FR's in plastic pallets
- Banning of FR's in all new residential furniture (first in nation)
- Chapter 636-retiree health care
- Cancer presumption
- LODD benefit from MPERS for FF who dies under conditions of presumptive heart/lung illness.
- PTSD presumption (second in nation)
- Defeat of cameras in ambulances
- Clarification of PEER Support personal in state law
- Give dispatchers the opportunity to negotiate special plan in their contracts.
- Amending Retiree Healthcare Fund to increase coverage options & increase subsidy from 45% to 55%.
- Assisted IAFF in passage of Zadroga bill in 2010 and reauthorization in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Brother Martell has faithfully served the PFFMaine and the members of IAFF Affiliates of Maine for twelve [12] years; and

WHEREAS, Brother Martell has demonstrated his commitment, knowledge, and integrity during his 12-years as President of the PFFMaine and for his years of service to the IAFF as one of their PEP Instructors and representing the IAFF on several NFPA Committees; and

WHEREAS, Brother Martell continues to share his many years of wisdom, experience and leadership with others and has selflessly committed himself to improving the working conditions of all his brother and sister fire fighters and EMS personnel; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, many new locals were formed and serviced in the PFFMaine; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, That John Martell's name be added to the list of distinguished individuals who have served their brother and sister fire fighters with dedication, compassion and distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the affiliates assembled at the PFFMaine January 28th, 2020 Quarterly Meeting in Augusta, Maine bestow upon John Martell the office of President Emeritus and all honors, duties and responsibilities commensurate with the position in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the IAFF and the PFFMaine: and let it further be

RESOLVED, that John Martell will also have bestowed upon him Life Membership in the PFFMaine and to that end, his PFFMaine membership per capita tax will be waived and he will be automatically selected as a Delegate-at-Large of each of the PFFMaine's Conventions.; and be it further

RESOLVED, as PFFMaine's President Emeritus, John Martell will be appointed to the position of Assistant to the PFFMaine's President and Executive Board to advise and consult with the President and the Executive Board upon request when such service is desired in the best interest of the PFFMaine.

Submitted and Approved By:

Michael J. Crouse, President
Michael Scott, Secretary
Dave Bickford, Treasurer
Gerry Gay, 1st District Vice-President
Steve Simonson, 2nd District Vice-President
Ronnie Green, 4th District Vice President
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IAFF Affiliates of the PFFMaine

Action: Presented to the IAFF/PFFMaine Affiliates gathered at our January 28th, 2020 Quarterly meeting for their formal approval/endorsement.