

## 2023-J1912

Senate Resolution No. 1912

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of the  
Horseheads Elks Lodge No. 2297 on April 20, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Horseheads Elks Lodge No. 2297, to be celebrated on Saturday, April 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) is one of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the world, with about one million members in more than 2,000 lodges across the United States; and

WHEREAS, BPOE strives to teach the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government; and

WHEREAS, The Horseheads Elks No. 2297 has been an important part of the Horseheads, New York, community since 1965, providing many social and charitable opportunities for its members and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, On April 4, 1964, the Lodge was formally instituted after several months with the initiation of 186 new members being conducted by the officers of the nearby Watkins Glen Lodge No. 1546, which was the sponsoring Lodge; and

WHEREAS, In these early months, the Lodge met at the St. Mary's School Annex Hall until a permanent lodge building could be completed; and

WHEREAS, Through the tireless efforts of the Building Committee, on July 5, 1965, a formal Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on the site of the new building, which opened October 30, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Horseheads Elks Lodge has been focused on doing good works for the youth of the nation, especially through support of youth athletics; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to the mission of the BPOE and under the able leadership of Jerry Moore, the Horseheads Elks Lodge No. 2297 steadfastly serves its community through numerous benevolent programs; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as the Horseheads Elks Lodge No. 2297 merit the grateful praise of the community and of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend

the members of the Horseheads Elks Lodge No. 2297, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Horseheads Elks Lodge No. 2297; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Horseheads Elks Lodge No. 2297.