

## 2009-J1070

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Steuben County Office for the Aging

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life for the cherished senior citizens in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Steuben County Office for the Aging, celebrating 25 years of faithful service to the senior residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, This significant milestone is an excellent opportunity to recognize the special contributions of the Steuben County Office for the Aging and the dedicated individuals who strive to better the quality of life for senior citizens in the community; and

WHEREAS, Established in July of 1984, the mission of the Steuben County Office for the Aging is to enable persons age 60 and older to continue living independently in a safe environment by providing information about available community resources, access and referral to appropriate services, and advocacy as needed; and

WHEREAS, Designated by the State of New York to plan and coordinate services to meet the needs of the county's older residents, the administrators, staff and volunteers at the Steuben County Office for the Aging do this by working to improve access to services and by striving to expand the range of services available for the more than 19,000 Steuben County senior citizens and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Services currently being provided to the senior residents include, but are not limited to: information and referral, transportation, income tax counseling, Ombudsman, flu shot clinics, outreach, home delivered meals, the Caregiver Resource Center, Project CARE, legal and

congregate meal sites; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program meets housekeeping and personal care needs of the seniors; this one service, in and of itself, helps the seniors maintain independent living, which is the goal of almost all of the programs provided by the Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate the legacy of New York's senior citizens who have experienced tumultuous changes in the 20th Century, including the dawn of the nuclear age, the rise of the computer, and the proliferation of the automobile, television, technology and so many other innovations of the American spirit, and who now represent a great and willing source of knowledge available to our great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Steuben County Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Steuben County Office for the Aging.