

## 2011-K294

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Tripifoods Inc. of Buffalo, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those businesses within the State of New York which have positively impacted their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Tripifoods Inc. of Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Tripifoods Inc. of Buffalo, New York, through four generations of family ownership, is a recognized leader in the convenience store distribution industry; and

WHEREAS, The original business, the F.C. Tripi Company, located at the Elk Street Farmer's Market in Buffalo, was founded in 1911, by Frank C. Tripi and incorporated in 1917; and

WHEREAS, In 1934, the F.C. Tripi Company moved to 1547 Clinton Street with three building expansions, increasing from 12,000 square feet to 21,000 square feet under the direction of Frank C. Tripi's son Joseph C. Tripi; and

WHEREAS, Tripifoods moved to its current location at 1427 William Street in 1956, and would build additions in 1964 and 1967, totaling over 60,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, During the 1970s, Tripifoods opened a separate facility for cigarettes and candy under the direction of Frank C. Tripi's grandson Carl J. Tripi; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, Tripifoods began to focus on the emerging convenience store industry, and became one of the original supporters of the New York Association of Convenience Stores; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Tripifoods became the first food distributor in the

country to use a satellite tracking system for its delivery trucks; and  
WHEREAS, During the 1990s, Tripifoods opened an automated grocery warehouse totaling 160,000 square feet, created a Food Service Division, and introduced online price book management; and  
WHEREAS, In 2000, Tripifoods expanded its technology with EFT drafts, electronic invoicing, its own web site, and creation of the Tripifoods Information Exchange (TIE) Program under the direction of Frank C. Tripi's great-grandson, Gregory G. Tripi; and  
WHEREAS, Today, Tripifoods Inc. employs 250 people and operates a 250,000 square foot distribution center, serving 1,000 convenience stores in 18 states; and  
WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Tripifoods Inc. of Buffalo, New York, and to recognize its century of contributions to Western New York's economy, employment, and community organizations; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tripifoods Inc. of Buffalo, New York.