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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Adirondack Medical Center

WHEREAS, Our hospitals serve the vital purpose of providing for the healthcare needs of our citizens through excellence in the delivery of medical services; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; 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 Adirondack Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, What is known today as the Adirondack Medical Center began as two separate hospitals, the General Hospital of Saranac Lake, and the Placid Memorial Hospital of Lake Placid; and

WHEREAS, Built at the top of Winona Avenue, the General Hospital of Saranac Lake was founded in 1911, through the efforts of many public citizens, and was presented to Saranac Lake by M. Redfield Proctor and Miss Emily Dutton Proctor on March 11, 1913; at the time, it accommodated twelve patients, and in 1914, an isolation cottage for four more patients was added; and

WHEREAS, By 1961, it had become obvious that the General Hospital of Saranac Lake could go no further on the Winona Avenue site, and the decision was made to erect a new hospital on a 25-acre site on Lake Colby donated by the Latour Fuel Company; the present facility was constructed and dedicated in 1967; led by the generosity of Mr. Edmund Guggenheim, the building included the shell for a third floor that was

completed in 1968; and

WHEREAS, The Placid Memorial Hospital Fund, under the leadership of Mary Prime, was organized in 1947, and plans for construction of a new hospital to be located on a Church Street parcel, donated by the Shea Family, were developed; and

WHEREAS, Doors were opened at the Placid Memorial Hospital of Lake Placid on February 4, 1951, to serve the first patient; and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Medical Center was incorporated on January 1, 1991, when the General Hospital of Saranac Lake and the Placid Memorial Hospital of Lake Placid consolidated; and

WHEREAS, A major capital construction project, Adirondack Medical Center for the 21st Century, was completed at both sites in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Answering the call to ensure continued skilled nursing care in the Tri-Lakes, Adirondack Medical Center took over ownership of Mercy Healthcare Center in Tupper Lake and Uihlein Mercy Center in Lake Placid on January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, For over a century, Adirondack Medical Center has continued its tradition of providing quality health care and dedicated service to the members of its community; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed institutions within the medical community for their extraordinary and sustained contributions to the improvement of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Adirondack Medical Center, fully confident that it will continue to play a leadership role in healthcare for many years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adirondack Medical Center.