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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 160th Anniversary of the founding of the YMCA Buffalo Niagara on April 26th, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those illustrious organizations within this great State and Nation whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 160th Anniversary of the founding of the YMCA Buffalo Niagara on April 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, For 160 years, YMCA Buffalo Niagara has carried out its mission by delivering programs which enable individuals and families to reach their fullest potential in terms of spirit, mind, and body; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the YMCA Buffalo Niagara delivers program and membership services to more than 100,000 Western New York residents through its seven branch facilities, Camp Weona, and more than one hundred community based sites; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA Buffalo Niagara is the second oldest YMCA in the United States, serving people of all ages, races, faiths, backgrounds, incomes and abilities through a wide variety of programs and services designed to meet changing needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA Buffalo Niagara honors a rich history including the establishment of Buffalo's oldest service club and the organization of the oldest consecutively run footrace in North America; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, the YMCA Buffalo Niagara has a long record of partnerships with other community organizations, such as schools, hospitals, police departments, colleges and corporations; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer-founded, volunteer-based and volunteer-led, Ameri-

ca's YMCAs serve more than 10,000 neighborhoods in the United States, uniting men, women and children; at the heart of community life across America, mission-driven YMCAs are a place to belong and to live the values that guide and unite its members through caring, honesty, respect and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, From cities to suburbs to small towns, YMCAs work to promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 160th Anniversary of the founding of the YMCA Buffalo Niagara on April 26th, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, the YMCA Buffalo Niagara, and the Alliance of New York State YMCAs, Inc.