

## 2013-J104

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Family YMCA on November 3, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize these 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 tradition, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Family YMCA on November 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, For 150 years, Norwich Family YMCA 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 Norwich Family YMCA delivers program and membership services to more than 10,000 members and program participants; and

WHEREAS, The Norwich Family YMCA provides direct community benefits that impact many through their Open Doors Scholarship Program, Unemployment Membership Program, Military Membership Program, Outreach Programming, and opening their doors annually to an average of fifty community organizations that need a place to meet, operate, and function within the community; and

WHEREAS, The Norwich Family YMCA serves 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 Norwich Family YMCA honors a rich history including the major accomplishment of one of the organization's first projects of collecting books for soldiers; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, the Norwich Family YMCA has a long record of partnerships with other community organizations, such as schools, hospitals, police departments, civic organizations, colleges, corporations and opening their doors when their community is in need

(floods, fires, no power, hot showers); and

WHEREAS, Volunteer-founded, volunteer-based and volunteer-led, America'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 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Family YMCA on November 3, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Norwich Family YMCA.