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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Radisson Community Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations that contribute to the improvement and enhancement of the quality of life in the communities they represent; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to hereby recognize and commend the Radisson Community Association, and the residents of Radisson, upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The neighborhood of Radisson in the Town of Lysander, New York, remains one of the most vibrant areas of the State, mainly because of the dedicated residents who remain involved in their community; and

WHEREAS, Radisson is a planned unit housing development community that provides nearly 3,500 homes for up to 10,000 residents; it is also notable for containing a large corporate park; and

WHEREAS, Covering an area of more than 4.5 square miles, Radisson is located 12 miles northwest of the City of Syracuse and one mile east of the Village of Baldwinsville, New York; it is bordered on the east by the Seneca River, on the north and west by New York State Wildlife Management Area, and on the south by State Route 31; and

WHEREAS, The name Radisson is derived from a mid-17th Century French explorer of the Syracuse area, Pierre Esprit Radisson; he also co-founded the Hudson Bay Company; and

WHEREAS, The Radisson site was purchased in 1969, by the New York State Urban Development Corporation (UDC), which was Radisson's developer at the time; previous owners included the Astor Estate of England and the United States Government, which used the area as a site for World War II artillery; and

WHEREAS, Among the special services that Radisson provides for its residents and for which it is especially known are: a community newsletter RADISSON REFLECTIONS, a Yard Waste Collection and Recycling Program, a nursery school, aquatics and swimming lessons, summer concerts, special events for seniors, youth and children, and recreational options for all residents, such as golf and tennis; and

WHEREAS, Radisson also offers many recreational options for those who live both within and outside of its boundaries; among them are: Aspen House Community Center, Oberon Pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, neighborhood parks, baseball fields, soccer fields, tot-lots, community gardens, 10 miles of walkways, 5 miles of cross-country ski trails, and numerous open spaces; and

WHEREAS, Although not officially affiliated with the Radisson Community Association, the Radisson Greens Golf Course, the Lysander-Radisson Ice Arena and the Town of Lysander Town Offices complement the community's recreational services and programs; and

WHEREAS, The Radisson Community Association, Inc. (RCA) is a not-for-profit corporation formed for the primary purpose of promoting the health, safety, welfare, education, recreation, and cultural enrichment of the owners/members and residents of Radisson; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Radisson Community Association is committed to preserve, protect and enhance certain lands and facilities set aside for the common use and enjoyment of the owners/members and residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Radisson Community Association is governed by an elected Board of Directors whose primary role is to establish policies; a full-time professional staff is employed to carry out these policies and manage day-to-day operations and affairs of the corporation; volunteer

committees are also an integral part of the Association and its Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

recognize and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Radisson Community Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Vinqvist, President of the Board of Directors, and Lynn Tanner, Executive Director of the Radisson Community Association.