

## 2015-J819

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing October 18-24, 2015; as National Friends of Libraries Week

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in participating in nationally-declared weeks of recognition of important groups; and

WHEREAS, October 18-24, 2015, has been declared National Friends of Libraries Week; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in lifelong learning and connecting with others; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Library groups help to raise money that provides resources for programming, equipment, support for youth services, special events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Library groups understand the importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that libraries get the resources they need to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and youth services; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Libraries groups also provide in-kind services for programming, building and grounds care, and representation at events; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated members of these groups demonstrate how volunteerism can lead to positive civic engagement and the betterment of local communities; and

WHEREAS, The New York Library Association will celebrate its 125th Anniversary during National Friends of Libraries Week 2015; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize October 18-24, 2015, as National Friends of Libraries Week;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Library Association.