

## 2015-K225

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of YWCA of Niagara

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; 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 100th Anniversary of the YWCA of Niagara, to be feted with a year-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, Staying true to its mission of eliminating racism and empowering women, the YWCA of Niagara is part of a national and international movement working to advance the quality of life for women and their families; and

WHEREAS, In 1915, the YWCA of Lockport was established in Lockport, New York; in 1996, the agency expanded into nearby towns, cities, and villages to become a county-wide provider of services to the community, therefore, the name was officially changed to the YWCA of Niagara; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA of Niagara provides numerous critical programs and services to women and girls, including housing for the homeless, pre-school and school age curricula, recreation and sports programs, summer camp, alternatives to domestic violence and sexual abuse, counseling, and women's leadership development; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the YWCA of Niagara has facilities and offers programs throughout Niagara County, including administrative offices in Lockport, New York, shelter and transitional housing and early childhood programs in Eastern Niagara County, and Carolyn's House in Niagara

Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Recently, the YWCA of Niagara merged with the YWCA of the Tonawandas, which will provide more services and transitional housing in the City of Tonawanda, New York; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the YWCA of Niagara; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the YWCA of Niagara.