

## 2015-J957

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of New Paltz on March 13, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have a significant impact on the lives of others and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of New Paltz, to be celebrated on Friday, March 13, 2015, at Novella's, New Paltz, New York; and

WHEREAS, The world's first service club, Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905, when Paul Harris, a native of Vermont, found himself a stranger in the city of Chicago; he conceived the idea of inviting three men of different vocations to join him weekly for fellowship and to discuss each other's problems and business; and

WHEREAS, Today, Rotary International has grown into an organization including more than 1.2 million members in 29,000 clubs across 163 countries; each club is made up of business and professional leaders who are dedicated to humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help to build peace and goodwill throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, On March 19, 1965, the Rotary Club of Highland and New Paltz was established and held its first meeting at College Lanes in Highland, New York; the organization split in 1985, as the needs of the area grew; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of New Paltz is a true asset to the community; this vital organization sponsors several scholarships for high school students and donates its funds, time and energy to local families

in need; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Rotary Club of New Paltz was instrumental in the establishment of Rotary Park in 2005, as well as the Backpack Project, filling the backpacks of Middle School students with nutritional foods; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of New Paltz remains dedicated to the development of fellowship and understanding among business and professional leaders, the promotion of community-betterment endeavors and of high standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace; and

WHEREAS, After five decades of service, the Rotary Club of New Paltz remains true to the principles of Rotary, to the worthy causes it supports, and to service to its community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Rotary Club of New Paltz, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves by perpetuating its motto of Service Above Self; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of New Paltz on March 13, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rotary Club of New Paltz, New York.