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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 110th Anniversary of The Neighborhood Center, Inc., of Utica, New York

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals and organizations it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of The Neighborhood Center, Inc., of Utica, New York, in conjunction with the celebration of the opening of its new child care playground; and

WHEREAS, The Neighborhood Center, Inc., of Utica, New York, strives to enrich the lives of individuals and families through cooperative opportunities, resources, and advocacy; its members believe in embracing cultural diversity, promoting empowerment, and fostering responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1905, as an agency related to the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, The Neighborhood Center began its illustrious tradition of service as a settlement house assisting immigrants in filing citizenship papers; and

WHEREAS, By 1936, this esteemed organization was providing the first kindergarten classes in Utica, as well as homemaking classes for members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, The Neighborhood Center, Inc. continued to expand and provide services to the increasingly diverse population,

gaining national recognition for its outstanding efforts to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, Today, The Neighborhood Center, Inc., offers a full range of outreach, preventative, developmental and therapeutic human services for nearly 20,000 people in Utica and the surrounding areas; the majority of the people served are children and their families; 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 110th Anniversary of The Neighborhood Center, Inc., of Utica, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Neighborhood Center, Inc., of Utica, New York.