

## 2015-J1503

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge certain exemplary businesses and organizations that continue to provide superior products and services, and through their work have become beacons of prosperity within the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 1940, the Chautauqua County Highway Employees' Federal Credit Union was founded; and

WHEREAS, During the Fall of 2003, the name was changed to the Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union to incorporate an expanded audience; and

WHEREAS, Today the Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union operates branch offices in Falconer, Jamestown, Dunkirk and Mayville; the credit union now has over 9,500 members and 36 employees; and

WHEREAS, All members of the Greater Chautauqua FCU are both members and part owners, each having one vote in the affairs of the credit union, regardless of how much money they have at the credit union, guaranteeing that the Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union is looking out for all members' financial interests; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Chautauqua FCU has as a part of its mission the betterment of its community; in fulfilling this mission, the organization, its staff and members have awarded nine scholarships to assist students in the Credit Union Association of New York's Scholarship Program; partnered with the Jamestown Chapter to host Credit Union Night with the Jamestown Jammers Baseball Team, collecting more than 850

pounds of food that was donated to local organizations; collaborated with the Jamestown Chapter to host their annual "Toys 4 Kids" toy drive that gathered more than 200 toys for local charities; and WHEREAS, The organization, its staff and members have also sold "Pink Tribute Links" in all four branch offices, raising funds to benefit LINKS Charity, an organization devoted to raising awareness of cancer research; participated at the 2013 Pink Walk at the Chautauqua Mall in Lakewood; raised funds and collected over 80 toys for the Chautauqua County Humane Society in the Walk-4-Paws event; assisted the local YMCA by participating in the 2013 Battle of the Businesses; sponsored the Chautauqua County Fair and staffed a booth at the fair; participated in and sponsored events to help raise money for the Chautauqua Children's Safety Education Village; and donated funds and materials to local fire departments, youth sporting events, musicals, fund raisers and other events; and

WHEREAS, To promote fiscally responsible behavior by the next generation, the credit union opened 30 new youth accounts in 2013 and collected over 200 challenge cards from the youth who were "challenged" to do more saving for their future, reading, fitness and helping the community; through the program, kids who donated canned goods as part of the community challenge were entered for a chance to win a party prize package and several hundred pounds of food were donated to local food pantries; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those businesses and organizations which have achieved notable success in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harry Arrance, President, Board of Directors, Greater Chau-

tauqua Federal Credit Union.