

## 2015-K412

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge No. 443, Order Sons of Italy in America

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge No.443, Order Sons of Italy in America, Endicott, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) encourages the maintenance of Italian culture and language, as well as assimilation into American social and political life; it has sponsored a wide variety of programs in furtherance of its mission, as well as countless Italian heritage events; and

WHEREAS, The Order Sons of Italy in America was established in New York City on June 22, 1905, by Vincenzo Sellara, M.D., and a small group of other professionals; for almost 109 years, the Order Sons of Italy and its many local lodges have been of service to the Italian American community throughout New York State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1915, the Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge was built on the original Order Sons of Italy in America principles of liberty, equality and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, A pillar of the north side of Endicott, the Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge has served the community as a social hall, polling place, venue for charitable events, and even a school gymnasium during its long and distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, Today, this vital organization supports many charitable endeavors, including such worthy causes as the Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, as well as numerous local school programs, and youth sports teams; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the community, the Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge also grants substantial funds annually for scholarships to deserving students; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of President Pat Cerra, the Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge will continue to serve the community and express Italian cultural pride for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; 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 100th Anniversary of the Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge No. 443, Order Sons of Italy in America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pat Cerra, President, Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge No. 443, Order Sons of Italy in America.