

## 2015-J1908

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Bethlehem Lions Club

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Bethlehem Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organization in the world; and is deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Bethlehem Lions Club and the entire Lions organization is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually-impaired; this service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the Lions' 1925 International Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Lions Club was originally sponsored by the Albany Lions Club and was granted a charter by Lions Clubs International in November 1954; and

WHEREAS, Since 1954, the Bethlehem Lions Club has been assisting individuals, families, and community organizations in the town of Bethlehem and the surrounding areas; while the club provides community service in many forms, the primary mission of the Bethlehem Lions Club is to

provide assistance to individuals with vision and hearing disabilities;  
and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Lions Club focuses its energies on various community activities and organizations including ongoing donations and participation in the Town of Bethlehem Food Bank, the Tri-Village Little League, the Northeastern Association of the Blind and the Lions Eye Bank; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Lions Club also co-sponsors the Town of Bethlehem File of Life, and has sponsored the annual Senior Citizens Picnic for over 25 years; 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 60th Anniversary of the Bethlehem Lions Club, and to commend its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life in the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bethlehem Lions Club.