

## 2015-J2300

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Leadership Mohawk Valley on May 30, 2015

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Leadership Mohawk Valley; this momentous occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the Union Train Station, Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1990 as a joint effort of the Herkimer, Utica (now Mohawk Valley), and Rome Chambers of Commerce and area business leaders to develop and utilize the leadership talent of professionals from the community, Leadership Mohawk Valley (LMV) is a dynamic, ongoing program to build leadership resources within the Mohawk Valley area; and

WHEREAS, LMV has been successful because a sense of urgency to develop future leaders in the community was created 25 years ago; its 10-month leadership program provides individuals with opportunities for personal leadership development, presentational skills-building and professional and personal growth, to gain a better understanding of group dynamics, team leadership, and the value of networking; and

WHEREAS, Under the able and experienced leadership of its Director, Ann Rushlo, LMV develops a knowledgeable group of people prepared to be leaders in the community and to shape its future, which prepares individuals to better understand, to engage and to serve the community where they live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, LMV also provides experience in group dynamics, team leadership, presentation skills and professional and personal growth; the "awareness and engagement" focus of the LMV program has produced over

500 graduates from the region between Little Falls and Rome; and

WHEREAS, Incorporating the philosophy of Community Trusteeship in its program curriculum, LMV views its community as a gift or inheritance from past generations and recognizes those who held the community in trust; throughout the LMV program year, participants broaden their perspectives, and confront the issues at large, thereby gaining a clearer picture of the community, as it exists today; and

WHEREAS, Ultimately, the LMV program concludes by serving as a springboard for the participant's future community leadership efforts; it is a valuable asset towards achieving a preferred future; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Leadership Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those individuals and organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body recognizes the many contributions of Leadership Mohawk Valley, and wishes this worthy organization continued success in its proactive mission to benefit the communities it represents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Leadership Mohawk Valley; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ann Rushlo, Director, Leadership Mohawk Valley, Utica, New York.