

## 2015-K755

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the German Festival in Buffalo, New York, on September 5-6, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations of true purpose and worthy accomplishment which foster a spirit of community and service and, simultaneously, work diligently to preserve their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the German Festival at the Cheektowaga Town Park, Buffalo, New York, on September 5-6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 5,000 people from across the Greater Buffalo-Niagara region with cultural roots reaching back to the countries of Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland will join together to celebrate their German Heritage and Gemutlichkeit on Labor Day Weekend 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Federation of German American Societies of Buffalo, New York and Vicinity is an organization of 12 cultural groups all dedicated to the mission of preserving, promoting, and advancing within American society the traditional culture of German lands; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization strives to facilitate collaboration among member organizations and to collectively promote and foster relationships throughout the Greater Buffalo-Niagara area; member organizations include: The Bavarian Singers, The Bergholz Blaskapelle, The Buffalo-Dortmund Sister City Society, The Buffalo Schwaben Chor, The Buffalo Zither Club, Club Lorelei, The Cremation Society, The German American Musicians Assoc., The Kolping Society, S.G.T.V. Edelweiss Schuhplattler Gruppe, Sport Club Germania, and Spring Garden Association; and

WHEREAS, Cultural traditions are so very important; whether it is

food, drink, literature, dance, music, or just fellowship, life is simply better by celebrating the past and the present; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body salutes all of the individuals, past and present, who have given their time to this worthy event, noting their commitment to enhance and improve the quality of life in their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the German Festival in Buffalo, New York, on September 5-6, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Federation of German American Societies of Buffalo, New York, and Vicinity.