

## 2015-J2990

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Rescue Mission of Utica on September 17, 2015

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 125th Anniversary of the Rescue Mission of Utica, to be celebrated with a Banquet on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at Daniele's Banquet Specialist, New Hartford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1890, the Rescue Mission of Utica is a faith-based, nonprofit, multiple-service, charitable organization serving Utica and the Mohawk Valley; open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the ministry endeavors to assess and meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all people coming for assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Rescue Mission of Utica serves individuals overcoming homelessness, abuse, addictions, and disabilities; its programs provide safe lodging, food, clothing, case management, counseling, advocacy, education, referrals, spiritual and other supportive services; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this vital organization offers such services as the Skills for Success Job Training Program, Community Meal Program, Addiction Crisis Center, Homeless Men's Emergency Shelter, Parker House Residential Aftercare Program, Transitional Housing (SRO), Enriched Living Center, Representative Payee Program, Morris Learning Center, Free Community Clothing Room and 21-Meal Food Box Program; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its Executive Director Jim

Haid, the Rescue Mission of Utica served 136,019 hot meals to those in need in 2014, including 1,628 of these meals delivered to shut-ins on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 125 year history, the Rescue Mission of Utica has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Rescue Mission of Utica is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff and volunteers, 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, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Rescue Mission of Utica; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded 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 125th Anniversary of the Rescue Mission of Utica on September 17, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jim Haid, Executive Director, the Rescue Mission of Utica.