

## 2015-K614

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. to be celebrated 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 that are devoted 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 50th Anniversary of Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.; this momentous occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, September 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson and the United States Congress enacted into law the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) and the war on poverty was declared; and

WHEREAS, The Act established the Office of Economic Opportunity, which was part of the executive branch of government and reported directly to the President; within the next two years, more than 1,600 community action programs opened throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, The first planning meeting for what is now known as Pro Action met on April 12, 1965; one year later a proposal was developed and a Board of Directors was created; during this time, the Agency was referred to as the Economic Opportunity Program of Steuben County; and

WHEREAS, Newly incorporated as Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. in 1993, this vital organization continues to work diligently each year to promote school readiness among young children, improve access to affordable, quality child care, assist low-income people to gain jobs or improve their employment situations, reduce the burden of high energy/fuel costs, and help seniors remain healthy and independent; and

WHEREAS, In addition, in 2014, under the able leadership of its Executive Director Laura Rossman, Pro Action responded to a local natural disaster by providing aid to victims of the floods affecting residents of towns neighboring Keuka Lake; and

WHEREAS, After five decades of steadfast and unwavering service to the Steuben, Yates, Chemung and Schuyler communities, Pro Action remains true to its mission by promoting the creation of quality family life, self-sufficiency and the ability to thrive for all people in its communities; and

WHEREAS, The success of Pro Action is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, 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 Pro Action; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to 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 50th Anniversary of Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. to be celebrated on September 17, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laura Rossman, Executive Director, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.