

## 2015-J4014

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County on March 5, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those illustrious organizations within this great State and Nation whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing tradition, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County to be celebrated with a Bowtie & Blue Jeans Dinner, Dance, and Live Auction on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the Best Western Plus, Kingston, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1866, the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County is a private not-for-profit, community-based organization providing social, health, physical education and recreation services to the residents of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of its community, the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County is a diverse organization whose members join together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County believes that everyone has the desire to be well and that well-being is best cultivated by providing supportive relationships and environments; this vital organization also believes that all people should have the opportunity to be well in spirit, mind, and body; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County offers its members numerous beneficial programs including school-age child care, health enhancement/fitness classes, summer camps, swim lessons for all ages,

special scholarship programs for low-income youth and families and physical rehabilitation programs; and

WHEREAS, For 150 years, the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County has strived to try to help where help is needed by providing support, resources and guidance so people can improve their own lives and the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Today, the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County remains steadfast in its commitment to serving people of all ages, races, faiths, backgrounds, incomes and abilities as they strive to fulfill the changing needs of the community for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President/CEO Heidi Kirschner, the success of the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and 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 this institution and the community it serves; 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 150th Anniversary of the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County on March 5, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County.