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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of Loretto

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the State of New York to recognize and pay tribute to those outstanding institutions within our communities that play an integral role in the protection and care of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Primary among such institutions are those dedicated individuals who, year after year, diligently seek to empower those in need and promote a culture of equality, healthy living and respect; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of Loretto; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1926, Loretto was founded by the Syracuse Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church as the first Diocesan home for the aging in North America, and oversight was provided by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities until the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Loretto was restructured to meet the ever-increasing needs of elders in the Central New York community; Loretto became a private, charitable, not-for-profit organization and expanded its services and developed a 33-acre campus on Brighton Avenue in the City of Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the able leadership of President/CEO Kim Townsend, Loretto is a leading long-term healthcare provider to more than 7,000 individuals and their families, who are cared for by more than 2,300 dedicated healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Loretto has continued to provide a system of care consisting of diverse service options that can be accessed by individuals based on their current and anticipated future needs; and

WHEREAS, Loretto's specialized care programs are delivered across 19 locations in Onondaga and Cayuga counties, and it is the largest provid-

er of elder care services in Central New York; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 90 years, the depth of Loretto's role in the Central New York community has grown as it has responded to the most meaningful ways to serve the needs of elders and their families, with the mission of deinstitutionalizing nursing homes and long-term care services by replacing them with home-like settings that uses person-first care; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Loretto is rooted in a rich heritage of faith and service, meant to empower elders and those who care for them to live with purpose, wholeness and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Through its comprehensive services and programs, Loretto has improved the quality of life for countless individuals within the Central New York community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of Loretto; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kim Townsend, President and CEO, Loretto.