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Assembly Resolution No. 226

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COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of the Schuyler
County Italian American Festival and Parade

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations and events 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 40th Anniversary of the Schuyler County Italian American Festival and Parade; and

WHEREAS, The Schuyler County Italian American Festival and Parade has partnered with the Village of Watkins Glen, New York, to honor the county's heritage with the Lafayette Park Legacy Lane, located at the corner of Decatur and 4th Street; Legacy Lane provides opportunities to commemorate families, organizations or exceptional moments with engraved bricks; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of this momentous occasion will begin with a pre-festival gathering on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, to officially unveil the bricks added to Legacy Lane, and will continue with its Annual Festival and Parade August 9-11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Schuyler County Italian American Festival and Parade was founded by a small group of Italian Americans residing in Watkins Glen, as a way to honor the Feast of the Assumption which occurs each August; and

WHEREAS, During this inaugural celebration, a procession of men carried the Virgin Mary statue on their shoulders through the streets of the village; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the Schuyler County Italian American Festival and Parade has grown tremendously to become a three day event and the location was moved from Lafayette Park to Clute Park; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, proceeds from the Schuyler County Italian American Festival and Parade are given back to charities within the local community, and scholarships are provided to a graduating senior from each of the three area high schools; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such events of significance which foster ethnic pride and exemplify the cultural diversity that represents and strengthens the fabric of the people and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Schuyler County Italian American Festival and Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schuyler County Italian American Festival and Parade Committee.