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Senate Resolution No. 2794

BY: Senator MANNION

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the United Way of Cayuga County on October 13, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 100th Anniversary of the United Way of Cayuga County to be celebrated on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at Chantelle Marie Lakehouse on Owasco Lake in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, the United Way of Cayuga County has worked to bring people, organizations and resources together to improve community well-being; this vital organization strives to give every person in its community an opportunity to enjoy the highest possible quality of life; and

WHEREAS, In 1887, the United Way was founded by church leaders in Denver, Colorado, to coordinate services and raise funds for 22 agencies; and

WHEREAS, In 1918, many Community Chest organizations joined the American Association for Community Organizations; between 1919-1929, the number of organizations increased from 39 to 353, and surpassed 1,000 by 1948; the name United Way was adopted in 1963; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn and Cayuga Community Chest originated in 1922, to solicit and disburse monies for charitable and community purposes; in 1956, it was succeeded by the United Fund of Cayuga County to continue the improvement and development of health, character, and well-being of the residents of this county; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, the name was officially changed to United Way to promote identification with the National United Way movement; today, there are over 1,800 United Way organizations reporting over \$4.2 billion in contributions worldwide; and

WHEREAS, For a century, United Way of Cayuga County has stayed true to its mission of improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of its community by advancing the common good and addressing the underlying causes of problems; this vital organization is dedicated to community involvement and focused on creating long-lasting changes that will positively affect today, tomorrow and generations to come; and

WHEREAS, The United Way Board of Directors and staff will demonstrate their commitment to this goal by creating a special Youth Panel program to teach students about philanthropy through proceeds from the 100th Anniversary Gala; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the United Way of Cayuga County is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals who have supported the development of this outstanding organization over the years; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable are the skilled staff at the United Way of Cayuga County, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the organization and the population 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the United Way of Cayuga County upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the United Way of Cayuga County.