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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of The Landmark Society of Western New York

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 who are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of The Landmark Society of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, The Landmark Society of Western New York is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The long and proud history of serving Western New York has garnered The Landmark Society of Western New York national recognition over the years as a nationwide leader in the historic preservation movement; and

WHEREAS, To observe this illustrious milestone, The Landmark Society of Western New York is launching several key initiatives which will enhance its effectiveness, increase community impact, and elevate its relevance in being an agent for positive and powerful change; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Executive Director Wayne Goodman, The Landmark Society of Western New York has launched a Preservation Grant Fund, a Preservation Loan Program, an African-American Landmarks Task Force and is in the process of launching a web-based educational program entitled "Preservation Through the Portal"; and

WHEREAS, Historic preservation is more relevant now than ever before; it plays a major role in revitalizing neighborhoods and communities,

stimulating economic activity, and capitalizing on new sources of public and private investment; in addition, it offers a sustainable alternative to new development, conserves resources, and protects and promotes the qualities that make our communities distinctive places; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to The Landmark Society of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it 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 75th Anniversary of The Landmark Society of Western New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Landmark Society of Western New York.