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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Ontario Public Library

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of 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 100th Anniversary of the Ontario Public Library, to be celebrated with numerous events throughout the year including Library Memories on Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the Ontario Public Library, Summer Sun on Sunday, June 29, 2014, at the Heritage Square Museum, School Time in the Schoolhouse on Sunday, September 21, 2014, at the Heritage Square Museum, and the Holidays on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at the Ontario Public Library, in Ontario, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Centennial will include several special events with guest speakers and performers, including a Centennial Club to travel through popular historical fiction of the past 100 years, along with the installation of a historical marker later this year; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Ontario Public Library marks 100 years of service to the community; it continues to be a vital and relevant part of Ontario community life; and

WHEREAS, Located in the Town of Ontario, New York, the Ontario Public Library is a member of the Pioneer Library System, a cooperative public library system serving Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties; and

WHEREAS, First opened in 1915 in Tummonds Block, the Ontario Public

Library moved to Furnace Street in 1919; in 1920, the New York State Department of Education gave the library a charter as a free association library; and

WHEREAS, In 1925, Cora Ransley was hired as the first librarian of the Ontario Public Library, and one year later, the total circulation was 4,026 items; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Education granted a provisional charter for the Ontario Public Library in 1968, followed by an Absolute Charter granted in 1973; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the Ontario Public Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals who have supported the development of the library over the years; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its current library director, Sandra Hysten, the Ontario Public Library today houses over 40,000 items and circulates over 125,000 books and other materials annually; it provides online catalog access, nine computers for public use, and a special learning center for toddlers through grade 4; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Ontario Public Library offers numerous programs for children, teens, and adults, as well as summer programs, and a community meeting room for local not-for-profit groups; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable are the Ontario Public Library's superbly-skilled staff, 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 library and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Ontario Public Library has demonstrated the value of bringing people and its resources together in a congenial and supportive environment; its

library operations exist to support the delivery of information, materials, and services to people of all ages in their pursuit of self-directed education and recreational interests; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Ontario Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Ontario Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sandra Hylen, Library Director, Ontario Public Library.