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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the Marcellus Free Library

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations of distinguished purpose that have been committed to the pursuit of excellence and that bring great pride to the citizens of our great state; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Marcellus Free Library; and

WHEREAS, The objective of the Marcellus Free Library is to serve the community by encouraging interest in literacy and learning and by providing accessibility to various library programs, services and materials; and

WHEREAS, The Marcellus Free Library was founded in 1914 by a group of interested citizens who realized the need for a library association in their community; their dream became a reality when Miss Elizabeth Chapman donated two bookcases, a double top desk, and 215 book volumes; and

WHEREAS, On March 21, 1914, the Marcellus Free Library opened its doors for business on the second floor of the Knapp building on the northwest corner of North and Main Streets in the Village of Marcellus; Frank W. Knapp had donated the rooms to the library; and

WHEREAS, On March 1, 1916, the first annual bazaar and fundraiser was held to benefit the Marcellus Free Library; the event featured musical performances, youth activities, and an auction which even featured a donated prize bull calf; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, the Marcellus Free Library became a member of the Onondaga County Library System, and in 1968, the Friends of the Marcellus Free Library was established; and

WHEREAS, A century and four locations later, the Marcellus Free Library calls its current home a new, modern facility at 32 Maple Street in the Village of Marcellus; the library remains a valuable resource and a source of great pride for the Marcellus community; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Marcellus Free Library has amassed a current collection of more than 30,000 items, offers a community room that is available for free to local non-profit groups, and hosts both adult and children educational programs; and particular emphasis has been placed on encouraging the interests of young people through library programs, services and materials; and

WHEREAS, Marcellus Free Library's renovated facility earned a LEED Silver rating in 2009 because of its environmentally friendly features that include solar panels, a geothermal heating/cooling system, high levels of insulation, and furniture with low levels of volatile organic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, The Marcellus Free Library was the first library in Onondaga County to receive LEED Silver rating; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Marcellus Free Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Marcellus Free Library Board of Trustees.