

## 2013-K1045

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of IGNITE, Cayuga County's Young Professionals

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those organizations which substantially contribute to the vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of IGNITE, Cayuga County's Young Professionals, to be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at the A.T.

Walley and Co. Restaurant, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, IGNITE, Cayuga County's Young Professionals is a membership driven organization dedicated to connecting people and ideas, while enhancing the value of living and working in Cayuga County; it offers young professionals the opportunity to become socially, politically, and culturally involved with what is happening in the community; and

WHEREAS, Over the past ten years, IGNITE has helped young professionals who are new to the Cayuga County area adapt and thrive through social gatherings, volunteerism, and special events; its members provide advice to new residents on making the best of their experience in the area; they are also helpful in bringing together people with similar interests and goals; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable group is committed to giving back to the community through its numerous special events; IGNITE the Winter!, a festival now in its third year, has brought the people of Auburn, New York, together, drawing on businesses and nonprofits to create an event that celebrates civic pride through food, music, art, and games; in addition, the IGNITE the Vote campaign has helped educate voters and encourage greater interest in local elections; and

WHEREAS, IGNITE members are involved in many volunteer activities, and participate in numerous local charity fundraisers; they worked with the Auburn Beautification Committee to install a new welcome sign, and have raised money for such worthy causes as the Christmas Elf program; and

WHEREAS, This enterprising group's members also serve on community boards and in leadership roles with such organizations as the Red Cross, the United Way, and the Auburn Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, A true contributor to the quality of life for the people of Cayuga County, IGNITE continues its mission to build a network of diverse individuals to inspire creativity and social engagement by young professionals for the betterment of all in the region; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when associations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized 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 10th Anniversary of IGNITE, Cayuga County's Young Professionals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to IGNITE, Cayuga County's Young Professionals.