

## 2013-J4861

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Shadowland Theatre on May 2, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Shadowland Theatre; the opening of its 30th season and the completion of its "Light the Way" campaign will be celebrated with a Thank You Reception at the theater on Friday, May 2, 2014, in Ellenville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Shadowland Theatre is celebrating three decades of outstanding theatrical works and the completion of its "Light the Way" campaign, which has raised significant funds to repair and modernize the interior and stage of its historic building; and

WHEREAS, The Shadowland Theatre is a live-production company and performing arts center dedicated to showcasing high-quality, professionally produced plays and musicals in the village of Ellenville, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Young Actors Academy at Shadowland Theatre had 16 students, and in the fall of 2013, it had already grown to 65 students and anticipates continued growth upon the opening of its 2014 spring session; and

WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, this esteemed theatrical organization has carried on a tradition of entertaining and enriching the cultural life of the Ellenville community; and

WHEREAS, Performing in its own facility, which first opened in 1920, the Shadowland Theatre holds its many performances in a building that

once housed an art-deco movie theater and vaudeville house; the renovations have preserved its unique history and charm; and

WHEREAS, The new theatrical space features modern technology and excellent acoustics, as well as 186-seat tiered seating surrounding an intimate stage; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this successful renovation and 30 years of outstanding performances, the Shadowland Theatre will be holding seven productions in 2014, with a full six months of programming extending well past the summer; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the help of its many supporters, including evening honoree Robert Osgood, the Shadowland Theatre will endure as a centerpiece of community life in the village of Ellenville for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, As the Shadowland Theatre looks back with great pride to its beginnings, viewing, with just satisfaction, its successful evolution, it renews both its dedication to supporting artistic excellence, and its commitment to the community it has served since 1984, expressing its appreciation to all those who have helped to sustain and enhance it over the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Shadowland Theatre; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Shadowland Theatre.