

## 2015-J1099

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 140th Anniversary of the New York State School for the Deaf

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of deaf youth in the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the New York State School for the Deaf; this auspicious occasion will be recognized with a week long celebration, kicking off with Class Presentations on the history or culture of Deaf Education, and culminating with a Talent Show on Friday, March 27, 2015, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1875, the New York State School for the Deaf (NYSSD), located in Rome, New York, empowers its Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students to realize their full potential both academically and culturally, enabling them to become independent, responsible, life-long learners and contributing citizens; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, NYSSD, in partnership with family and community, provides a rigorous, diverse, individualized, bilingual education in a barrier-free communication rich environment; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students is the hallmark and tradition of the New York State School for the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, NYSSD provides education services for children of all ages

with its deaf-infant, elementary, middle school and high school programs; these programs follow detailed curricula developed from the New York State Standards and Assessments and each student's program is based on an Individual Educational Program (IEP); and

WHEREAS, With a safe and judgment-free school environment which values different cultural and communication backgrounds, NYSSD also offers several extra-curricular activities, clubs, vocational opportunities, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, The New York State School for the Deaf has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed educational institution has been an integral part of the history of its community, representing a dynamic, responsive and positive force within the educational system of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The New York State School for the Deaf is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the New York State School for the Deaf, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State School for the Deaf, Rome, New York.