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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Inaugural Little Italy Festival in the Town of Gates to be celebrated June 12-13, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those events which serve to enhance the cultural enrichment of the State of New York and preserve the heritage of Italian-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 2015 Little Italy Festival in the Town of Gates, to be celebrated June 12-13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Little Italy Festival will recognize the Italian community's giving spirit, as well as its long-standing existence, significant contribution, and importance in the city of Rochester, and the Town of Gates; and

WHEREAS, The Little Italy Festival in the Town of Gates welcomes everyone to come for a taste of Italy in western New York, and to help raise funds to benefit three local charities, including Alternatives for Battered Women, Catholic Family Center, and Open Door Mission; and

WHEREAS, The Little Italy Festival is a community event which provides a uniquely warm environment in which to enjoy the music, dance, arts, crafts, flavors, colors, laughter and love of Italian heritage; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, June 13, 2015, there will be a special Holy Mass officiated by Father Claudio Piccinini, from Ascoli Piceno, Italy, at St. Theodore's Church, Rochester, New York, followed by a Grand Procession to the Gates Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize those important events which remind us of the rich and diverse heritage of our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Events which celebrate diversity and peace contribute to

fulfilling our Nation's great legacy of equal opportunity for all, and do so profoundly enhance our shared commitment to freedom and justice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Inaugural Little Italy Festival in the Town of Gates, June 12-13, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Little Italy Festival Committee.