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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 65th Anniversary of The Niagara Falls (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated on May 24, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of The Niagara Falls (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, to be celebrated at its Legacy Gala, on Sunday, May 24, 2015, at the Seneca Niagara Casino, Niagara Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946, by the late Margaret Roselle Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott; and

WHEREAS, Today, The Links, Incorporated is comprised of 14,000 professional women in 280 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, a voluntary service organization, consists of concerned, committed and talented women who, linked in friendship, enhance the quality of life in communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The mission and vision of this vital organization is to contribute to the formulation of a positive, productive and culturally diverse society, with a strong focus on education, cultural enrichment, health, wellness and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, through its chapters and the Links Foundation, Incorporated, has granted a significant amount of funds to

numerous organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was chartered on May 24, 1950; National Treasurer, Link Dorothy Reid installed the chapter which was sponsored by Link Catherine Adams of Baltimore, Maryland, and Link Lucille Cuthbert, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Link Alice C. Hayes was the founding President of The Niagara Falls Chapter, and Thelma N. Griffin held the position of Corresponding Secretary; the Charter Members included Theresa Evans, Doris D. Fields, Thelma Ayers Hardiman, Vera Johnson, Cora P. Maloney, Corrine H. Risdon, Ruth Scruggs and Vera B. Trimier; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Link Crystal Boling-Barton, the dedicated members of The Niagara Falls Chapter of The Links, Incorporated have always been available to assist others; each year, the Chapter has made charitable contributions and supported several organizations including the United Way of Niagara, Niagara Community Center and Girls Club, Niagara Hospice, The Center for Young Parents, Community Missions, Inc., and Family and Children's Service of Niagara, as well as many others; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, The Niagara Falls Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has sponsored and co-sponsored youth development programs and conferences, mentoring seminars, cultural festivals, theme luncheons and walk-a-thons for health and hunger; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic group also administers The Dr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford Hayes Memorial Medical Scholarship and The Mariella Gentry Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarding scholarships to students entering medicine or medically related field; and

WHEREAS, The award winning programs of the Niagara Falls Chapter of The Links, Incorporated have included initiatives such as At Expose, A Celebration in the Arts, An Evening Repertoire in the Arts, Month of the Woman, God Squad, Way to Go! Helping Teens Make Educated Choices,

Colleges and Universities Impacting our Community, Linking Hands, and The Witness Project, as well as Chasing the Dream; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments, and which serve to bring people together for such glorious purposes, are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of The Niagara Falls (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated on May 24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Crystal Boling-Barton, President, The Niagara Falls (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.