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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 businesses and individuals that 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 100th Anniversary of Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. is a regional supermarket chain comprised of 88 stores: 46 in New York, 17 in Pennsylvania, seven in New Jersey, seven in Virginia, and seven in Maryland, as well as four in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. is one of the largest private companies in the United States, employing over 45,000 employees; with annual sales in 2015 of \$7.9 billion, the company ranked 33rd on the 2015 Supermarket News list of the Top 75 Supermarkets based on sales volume; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1916, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. is a family-owned company, headquartered in Rochester, New York; currently, the vital business is led by Danny Wegman, who holds the position of CEO; Colleen Wegman, his daughter, serves as President; and his other daughter, Nicole Wegman holds the title of Senior Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Brothers Walter and John Wegman learned the food business by working in their parents' store in Rochester; John Wegman peddled fresh produce from a pushcart, and in 1916, he opened the Rochester Fruit and Vegetable Company, which marks the beginning of Wegmans Food Markets,

Inc.; and

WHEREAS, One year later, Walter Wegman joined his brother; in 1950, his son, Robert Wegman, assumed leadership of the company, guiding it until his death in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. has consistently been ranked on FORTUNE magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For list, and was rated No. 9 on FORBES magazine's 2015 list of America's Best Employers; in addition, it was named the best for corporate reputation among the 100 most visible companies nationwide according to the 2014 Harris Poll Reputation Quotient study; and

WHEREAS, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. prides itself on raising the bar on the shopping experience by providing the best quality, a spectacular abundance of choice, restaurant-quality prepared foods, beautiful stores and displays, and an exceptional level of customer service; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. is committed to strengthening Western New York communities by distributing exceptional levels of charitable donations focused on programs which reduce hunger, help young people succeed, promote healthy eating and activity, strengthen neighborhoods, and support United Way initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Wegman family realizes that their employees are an integral part of its amazing success, and subsequently, the company provides strong employee benefit programs, including an employee scholarship program which provides \$4.5 million in tuition assistance to employees each year; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. has strived to care about the well-being and success of every person, pursue excellence in everything it does, make a difference in every community it serves, respect and listen to their people, and empower their people to make

decisions which improve their work and benefit their customers and their company; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowl-

edges Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.'s success, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the corporation and its employees, fully confident that, in its future, it will enjoy the same sparkling success which has so characterized its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Danny Wegman, CEO, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.