

## 2015-J5956

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1249

WHEREAS, Labor unions, through the integrity and dedication of their leadership, have assumed an essential and integral role in ensuring the welfare, safety and economic stability of the workers of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1249 to be celebrated with a party on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at Turning Stone Casino Event Center, Verona, New York; and

WHEREAS, The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1249 was chartered on May 1, 1941, in Syracuse, New York; the Local's first office was a rented space in the Eckel Theater Building; a decade later, in 1952, the first Tree Trimming Contract was signed with 1249; and

WHEREAS, This started a chapter that would rapidly develop into an integral part of the Local; in 1959, realizing the potential of the Local, a building was purchased on West Washington Street in Syracuse; a few years later, in 1965, Outside Telephone work was another unit added to 1249; and

WHEREAS, Seeing how fast the Local was growing, it was apparent 1249 was going to need its own property, not just its own building; in 1969, a brand new building was built at the current location in East Syracuse, on Fremont Road; and

WHEREAS, By the end of the 1980s, the building that had been proudly constructed only a few decades earlier had also become too small for Local 1249; in 1989 a new, larger building was put up at the same site; and

WHEREAS, Appreciating the need for the organizing of smaller units, Local 1249 started representing Municipal Units around the state in 1980; the units that are represented by Local 1249 today include: Frankfort Power & Light, the Village of Ilion, the Village of Lake Placid, the Town of Massena, the Village of Mohawk, the City of Plattsburgh and the City of Watertown; and

WHEREAS, Each municipality carries their own officers and each negotiate their own independent contract; and

WHEREAS, After 75 years, Local 1249 has grown into a remarkable part of the IBEW, now representing nearly 2,000 members throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission to enhance the quality of life of its members, Local 1249 is proud to represent each and every one of its members, and looks forward to representing new generations of IBEW members; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1249; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1249.