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Senate Resolution No. 4252

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Steuben County Public Health to be celebrated on June 8, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those organizations that work to serve the health care needs of citizens of the State of New York; 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 Steuben County Public Health to be celebrated on Friday, June 8, 2018, at Finger Lakes Boating Museum, Hammondsport, New York; and

WHEREAS, Steuben County Public Health and Nursing Services was established in 1918, when a Tuberculosis (TB) nurse was appointed to Steuben County in an effort to prevent the spread of this infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1928, the work of the county nurse was changed from a Tuberculosis Program to general Public Health Nursing, which now included TB, the care of infants, new mothers, communicable disease, preschool and school follow-up; and

WHEREAS, By the late 1950s, the role of Steuben County Public Health expanded to include Clinical Services and Home Service, providing health education, as well as assisting with the interpretation of physician's orders and the deliverance of nursing care; and

WHEREAS, After many years of home health services with offices located in Bath, Corning, and Hornell, New York, Steuben County Public Health and Nursing Services concluded their home health care program in May of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, "Nursing Services" was dropped from the department's name, and Steuben County Public Health was rebranded using the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Public Health logo; and

WHEREAS, Today, Steuben County Public Health provides clinic services, preventative services, health education, and services for children with special healthcare needs; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this vital organization offers programming for immunizations, radon, lead poisoning prevention, rabies, communicable disease, emergency preparedness, early intervention, car seat safety, chronic disease prevention, maternal and child health, and more; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 100 years, Steuben County Public Health has created and maintained strong partnerships with many health organizations in the community for the betterment of the health of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The success of Steuben County Public Health is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled

enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Steuben County Public Health; 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 100th Anniversary of Steuben County Public Health to be celebrated on June 8, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Steuben County Public Health, Bath, New York.