

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Newburgh Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 90th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those renowned organizations which devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Newburgh Lions Club upon the occasion of their 90th Anniversary, to be celebrated at its Gala event on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Colden Manor at Spruce Lodge, Montgomery, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Newburgh Lions Club is part of the largest service organization in the world; Lions Club International is an organization deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Newburgh Lions Club and the entire Lions Organization is to evaluate the needs within the community, without regard to politics, religion or race, and to support humanitarian projects in response to those needs; and

WHEREAS, Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually-impaired; this service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the Lions' 1925 international convention; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Newburgh Lions Club's Sight Program focuses on under-served children in the Newburgh School District who would otherwise fall through the cracks of the health care system; the program is aided by the caring nurses of the school district who identify and refer those students in need of glasses; and

WHEREAS, The Newburgh Lions Club also serves the community through volunteering and in myriad other ways, providing support to such events as the Newburgh Community Cleanup, the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Holiday Party, and the NFA "Block N Awards"; and sponsoring the Lions Scholarship Awards, the annual Safe Harbors Off Broadway 5K Run, and the White Cane Day for Independent Living; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Newburgh Lions Club lends a helping hand to individuals, bestowing a scholarship to a Mount Saint Mary College student and installing a flag pole at the home of a returning Afghanistan war veteran, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, After 90 years of outstanding accomplishments, the Newburgh Lions Club is destined to continue its noble mission of service to the community, and to the world, exemplifying the ideals of Lions Club International for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Newburgh Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 90th Anniversary, and to commend its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life in the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Newburgh Lions Club.