

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Rome Hospital

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those hospitals within the State of New York which provide outstanding medical care and vital services to meet the healthcare needs of their patients; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate 125th Anniversary of Rome Hospital, to be celebrated at a reception on Thursday, September 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Rome Hospital's roots date back to 1883, when the Bureau of Employment and Relief petitioned the City of Rome to establish a Cottage Hospital to care for the sick and injured; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas M. Flandrau and his wife, Clarissa Foote Flandrau, are credited as being the co-founders because of their efforts to arouse public sentiment following a railroad accident; and

WHEREAS, The victims of the railroad accident were cared for at the Flandraus' private residence because there was no other place; their efforts were a success and on April 3, 1884, the Cottage Hospital on Ridge Street admitted its first patient; and

WHEREAS, As Rome's population grew, it wasn't long before it became apparent that the city needed more than the Cottage Hospital; and

WHEREAS, On September 27, 1887, Dr. Flandrau laid the cornerstone of Rome Hospital at 117 East Garden Street in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, With further growth of the community, it was necessary for the hospital to expand a number of times; in 1905, an annex was added to the Garden Street facility to provide space for a nursing school and living quarters for the nurses; and

WHEREAS, Thirteen years later, when the hospital needed the annex space for the care of patients, a new nurses' home was constructed adjacent to the existing facility; and

WHEREAS, In 1920, James A. Murphy bequested funds which provided for the establishment of Murphy Memorial Hospital, located on West Embargo Street; the facility served patients with contagious diseases as well as provided surgical services; and

WHEREAS, Rome Hospital and Murphy Memorial Hospital eventually merged and the city built a new hospital on the current North James Street site which opened on April 10, 1940, with 119 adult beds and 2 for children; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment, Rome's community hospital has evolved to meet the health and wellness needs of Rome and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, What began as a small hospital - serving 19 patients in 1884, its first year of operation - has evolved into the busy Rome Memorial Hospital it is today; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Rome Hospital cares for about 6,000 patients a year in its 129 acute care beds and is home to 80 residents in its skilled nursing facility; and

WHEREAS, In a year's time, the community's residents make more than 100,000 visits to its outpatient facilities for diagnostic testing and treatment; and

WHEREAS, With technology that rivals major medical centers and a team of skilled professionals, Rome Memorial Hospital delivers compassionate medical care for every stage of life; and

WHEREAS, Heralded nationally for its clinical excellence, Rome Memorial Hospital has been recognized for following evidence based practices

by such well known organizations as the American Heart Association and

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Our hospitals serve the vital purpose of providing for the healthcare needs of our citizens through excellence in the delivery of medical services; and

WHEREAS, Rome Hospital, and its expert staff, have had a long and sustained commitment to the health and welfare of the citizens of Rome, New York, and therefore merit the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Rome Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rome Hospital.