

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Syracuse Jewish Community Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations within our midst, which have demonstrated consistent excellence while bringing great pride and enjoyment to the citizens of our great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Syracuse Jewish Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1861 by the Young Men's Hebrew Association, the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse is the second oldest Jewish Community Center in North America; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse is to enrich Jewish life and the total Jewish Community by developing and implementing programs for the recreational, educational, cultural, physical, and social needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish Community Center of Syracuse offers membership and high quality programming to the community at large regardless of religious preferences; and

WHEREAS, Over the years the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse has become an incredible community facility, boasting over 2,200 members; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish Community Center provides programming for children, teens, adults, and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Early Childhood Development Program provides childcare for over 170 children from six weeks to pre-kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Youth programs include after school programming for approximately 100 children a day, including kids night outs, vacation camps, music lessons, homework assistance, and various classes and activities; and

WHEREAS, Summer day camps serve over 600 children from age 6 weeks to fifteen; and

WHEREAS, The "Syracuse Project 4 Our Teens" strives to enrich the lives of teens by implementing programs of education, recreation, volunteerism, and entertainment for pre-teens and teens by providing school programming, special events and school holiday excursions; and

WHEREAS, Programs for adults and families include social, cultural, and educational classes such as Israeli dancing, arts and cultural series, and a Purim Carnival; and

WHEREAS, Senior adult services include daily kosher nutritional hot lunch meals, senior fitness classes, interests clubs, a lounge for activities, along with trips and outings; and

WHEREAS, Health and physical education programming include the schools of Gymnastics and Dance, Adult Division basketball, badminton, and volleyball, pre-school division of gymnastics and activity classes, and youth basketball programs; and

WHEREAS, The facility features the Anne and Hy Miller Family Auditorium, the Neulander Family Sports and Fitness Center, the Schayes Family Gymnasium, an indoor elevated track, a rock climbing room, group exercise classes, and outdoor heated pools; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse opened the Joshua Ian Davis and Scott Bryan Dubnoff Memorial Playground, and later that same year the Early Childhood Development Program playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Located in Dewitt, the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse is landlord to six other agencies including the Syracuse Hebrew Day School,

The Jewish Community Foundation of CNY, The Jewish Federation of Central

New York, The Jewish War Veterans, and The Jewish Observer, as well as the Syracuse International Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, The 150th Celebration Event and Annual Meeting on June 6, 2013 will pay tribute to all past presidents and recognize their hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of this anniversary, the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse will be formally renamed the Sam Pomeranz Jewish Community Center of Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, The Central New York community is augmented by the Syracuse Jewish Community Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Syracuse Jewish Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marci Erlebacher, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse.