

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp upon the occasion of their 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those esteemed organizations that provide significant opportunities for fellowship and outdoor activities for young people with disabilities in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp upon the occasion of their 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Genesee Valley Rotary Camp is a one week summer camp for young people with various disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The camp takes place every summer during August at Camp Sam Wood, a beautifully wooded site in Pike, New York; the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp serves approximately 100 campers and employs about 60 staff members each summer; and

WHEREAS, Activities at the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp include Adventure, Arts and Crafts, Archery, Music, Nature, Physical Education and Riflery; campers can also enjoy an in-ground pool and play on basketball courts; and

WHEREAS, The Genesee Valley Rotary Camp was first established in 1963, as a not-for-profit organization serving children and young adults from Livingston, Steuben, Wyoming and Allegany counties, specifically including the towns of Dansville, Wayland, Geneseo, Avon, Perry, Mount Morris, Livonia, Lima, Fillmore, Pavilion, Nunda, Belmont, Caledonia - Mumford, Cuba, Friendship and Wellsville; and

WHEREAS, There is no cost for the camp experience; financial support is provided by the Rotary Clubs of the Genesee Valley and through private donations; and

WHEREAS, Staff members come from diverse backgrounds including special education teachers and high school and college students interested in working with children with disabilities; working at the camp has become a family tradition for many of the staff members; and

WHEREAS, Every year, a theme is selected for the week; previous themes include animals, cars, the Wild West, Dr. Seuss, outer space, super heroes, pirates and many more; and

WHEREAS, Awards are presented annually to outstanding campers at the end of each camp week for Camper of the Year and Most Spirited Camper; Rookie of the Year and Veteran of the Year awards also are presented to an outstanding first year counselor and an outstanding veteran counselor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp has provided an invaluable experience to many young people who might not have had the opportunity to experience the joys of summer camp; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp upon the occasion of their 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp.