

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Batavia

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the 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 90th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Batavia; and

WHEREAS, Chartered with 56 members in 1923, the Kiwanis Club of Batavia has been community oriented since its inception; although the names, groups and events may have changed, it has always been involved; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Batavia has rung the bell year after year for the Salvation Army, aided the County Service Appreciation Committee to send servicemen off with a smile, helped buy uniforms for the members of the St. Joseph's Drum Corps, held the long popular Soap Box Derby, helped to found the former Fresh Air Health Camp, started and still sponsors Career Day in Batavia Public Schools, collected clothing for war relief, organized and conducted worship services for prisoners in Genesee County Jail and aided the Red Cross' emergency wartime relief missions; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Kiwanis Club of Batavia has supported the YMCA and the YWCA throughout the years, as well as the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations; and

WHEREAS, Several parks have been built and equipped by the Kiwanis Club of Batavia, including the Town of Batavia park and the mini park on Main Street between M&T Bank and South Beach Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, On the athletic/recreational front, the Kiwanis Club of Batavia once ran a Ski Tow near Attica, an Ice Carnival and a Ski Club and provided skiing instruction to hundreds of area people; they also sponsored a Junior Rifle Club, a Junior Bowling Club, Kiwanis softball and bowling and built the Children's Home skating rink and provided the skates; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Kiwanis Club of Batavia members have manned the Tourist Booth on Main Street every Wednesday since it opened; delivered Meals on Wheels every Tuesday; put on bingo at nursing homes; sent high school juniors to leadership camp; and served at an annual prayer breakfast to honor local clergy; and

WHEREAS, The first Kiwanis Club was chartered on January 12, 1915, in Detroit, Michigan, and the organization has since grown to more than 8,250 clubs in 94 counties; a global organization of volunteers, Kiwanis International is dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Kiwanis Club of Batavia, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Batavia; and be it further

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