

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse's designation as a City of Rochester Landmark and listing on the National Register of Historic Places on March 29, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the preservation of historical landmarks that served to enhance the growth of this great State, ensuring that the complete history of our State and Nation is shared with present generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse's designation as a City of Rochester Landmark and listing on the National Register of Historic Places on March 29, 2014, to be celebrated at a Gala Anniversary Luncheon on March 29, 2014, at the Rochester Yacht Club in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse was constructed in 1822, on a hill just west of the Genesee River and south of the majestic shores of Lake Ontario; its construction consisted of a 40 foot tower and a two-room house for the keeper, all built from stone; the tower's 10 Argand lamps were equipped with whale oil for fuel; and

WHEREAS, In 1853, the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse was modernized by the installation of a fourth order Fresnel lens, and its wooden tower stairs were replaced by cast iron steps; the present keeper's house was built to replace the two-room original structure in 1863; and

WHEREAS, This important nautical installation steadfastly guided boats on Lake Ontario to safety throughout its many years of service, until its deactivation in the December, 1881; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate the lighthouse's distinguished service, the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society, together with the County of Monroe, opened a museum on the site in 1984; and

WHEREAS, The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society is an all-volunteer, privately funded, non-profit organization under the leadership of President, Robert Owens, Jr.; members of the society are dedicated to educating the public and preserving this great landmark for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Today, this historic treasure is the oldest surviving lighthouse on Lake Ontario and serves as a constant reminder of the outstanding heritage of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse's designation as a City of Rochester Landmark and listing on the National Register of Historic Places on March 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Owens, Jr., President, Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society.