

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 127th anniversary of the Alpha Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star in the fall of 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 127th anniversary of the Alpha Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star in the Fall of 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Alpha Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star is a community based charitable organization with a mission of providing cultural enrichment, education and information and a framework for self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, The Order of The Eastern Star is the largest Fraternal Organization in the world to which both women and men can belong; its objects and purposes are the cultivation of charitable and fraternal practices and an obligation to aid and assist fellow members in time of need; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the principles of charity, truth and loving kindness, the Alpha Chapter No. 1, Order of Eastern Star, provides donations to numerous causes throughout the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization was granted a warrant in 1894 by the Royal Arch Masons under which it operated until 1919 when Mrs. Hattie Brown, Grand Worthy Matron, called in all the Royal Arch seals and issued new ones under the seal of Eureka Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Today, Alpha Chapter No. 1 has the distinction of being the oldest Eastern Star Chapter in the United States, as it celebrates its 127th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its Worthy Matron, Sister Felicia G. Watson, Alpha Chapter No. 1 is poised to continue its tradition of service far into the future; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 127th anniversary of the Alpha Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Felicia G. Watson, Worthy Matron of Alpha Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star.