

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Centennial of The Sage Colleges

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge significant milestones and celebrate events of historical significance which have a lasting impact within and beyond the communities of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 100 year celebration of The Sage Colleges, recognizing its commitment to helping generations of students in their pursuit of academic excellence and empowering them through their education to make a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Russell Sage College was founded in Troy, New York, in 1916, by Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage and named in honor of her late husband, who had left her his considerable fortune; with Eliza Kellas, head of the Emma Willard School, Mrs. Sage was active in the women's suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS, In founding the new College, they proposed to offer women the means of independence through the combination of broad education in the liberal arts with preparation for specific professional careers; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, Sage conferred its first graduate degree and during World War II, an "emergency men's division" was created to serve veterans returning from service seeking an education; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, an Albany Division was opened extending the College's mission to include the education of men on the second campus; Sage Junior College of Albany received its own degree-granting powers in 1957; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Sage Graduate School became authorized to grant graduate degrees, Sage Evening College became recognized as a separate administrative unit; and the institution was re-chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York as The Sage Colleges, often referred to for the sake of convenience as Sage; and

WHEREAS, The name Russell Sage College now refers only to the Troy campus for women; in 2001, Sage Junior College of Albany and Sage Evening College were combined into a single, coeducational, four-year degree granting entity, Sage College of Albany; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Sage restructured Sage Graduate School around three key areas of strength and expertise to create the donor funded Esteves School of Education, School of Health Sciences, and School of Management; and

WHEREAS, Interdisciplinary academics, community engagement, international exposure, and artistic and athletic endeavors are among the pillars of the educational experience at The Sage Colleges, which has 37,000 living alumni and currently enrolls more than 2,900 students; and

WHEREAS, Today, The Sage Colleges consists of Russell Sage College in historic downtown Troy, New York, a comprehensive four-year college for women offering bachelor's degrees in the liberal arts and sciences as well as professional fields; and the coeducational Sage College of Albany, in our capital city, offering bachelor's degrees and practical experience designed to prepare students for the careers of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Through its School of Professional and Continuing Education, Sage offers bachelor's degree completion programs designed for busy, working adults; Sage's graduate-level schools - Education, Health Sciences and Management - are coeducational environments offering advanced study for professional practice and leadership through master's

degrees, post-master's certification in a wide variety of applied disciplines and doctoral degrees in professional disciplines; and

WHEREAS, They serve both recent college graduates, including Sage students in accelerated bachelor's/master's programs, and individuals already at work in their professions; students can also pursue select bachelor's, master's, and certificate programs online through Sage Online; and

WHEREAS, Under the banner of The Sage Colleges, these institutions coexist within a small university model institution to educate and to transform lives by maximizing opportunities for students and, since 2014, offering a wider range of majors to all students on both campuses through cross-college enrollment while also ensuring that Russell Sage College is preserved and strengthened as a women's college leader and model; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its highly regarded academic programs, The Sage Colleges is also proud of its thriving athletics program and arts venues; Sage now offers 15 intercollegiate sports at the NCAA Division III level and is also home to the Theatre Institute in Troy and the Opalka Gallery and Little Gallery in Albany; and

WHEREAS, The Sage College's motto "To Be. To Know. To Do." expresses the timeless imperatives that underscore Sage's values of self-discovery and excellence, the rigorous pursuit of knowledge, and the responsibility to engage in meaningful and constructive ways in our local, national, and global communities; and

WHEREAS, For its ambitious Centennial capital campaign and year-long celebration, The Sage Colleges has added the word "MORE" to a bold, modernized version of its motto "Be. Know. Do. MORE" to emphasize all that has been and continues to be accomplished and to pursue aspirations of continuing growth; and

WHEREAS, With the skillful leadership and innovative vision of its President Susan C. Scrimshaw, Sage will step creatively and ambitiously into the next century with MORE imagination, MORE innovation, MORE opportunity, MORE engagement and MORE of what has made The Sage Colleges a pillar in higher education and in the local, national and global communities its students, faculty and staff have positively impacted; and

WHEREAS, The Sage Colleges will continue to grow and evolve and carry on its mission to educate and transform lives for another 100 years and beyond, and continue to equip students to become individuals of influence and agents of change in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
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commemorate the Centennial of The Sage Colleges; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Susan C. Scrimshaw, The Sage Colleges.