

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of the Holland  
Patent Free Library

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of 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 100th Anniversary of the Holland Patent Free Library celebrated at a silent auction on Saturday, July 16, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** The Holland Patent Free Library was created after the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution decided to pursue the idea in 1915; the library opened on July 6, 1916 in a building that the Holland Patent Improvement Co. offered for temporary use; and

**WHEREAS,** Since she was the only person who knew anything about the Dewey Decimal System, Lillian Potter was appointed librarian, a position she held from 1916-1957; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1926, the library purchased the Charles Wood property and moved across Center Street from Holland Hall; as the years went by, the library kept expanding and purchased the former White's Tavern on Main Street in hopes that someday a larger library could be built; and

**WHEREAS,** Led by elected President Beatrice Dunlap, the board of trustees worked diligently to erect a permanent building to house the library; on April 29, 1967 the groundbreaking for the new library took place and on October 14, 1968, the library opened to the public; and

**WHEREAS,** From its humble beginnings, with 26 patrons and 453 donated books, the Holland Patent Free Library has grown to over 3000 patrons and more than 15,000 holdings; and

**WHEREAS,** Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Holland Patent Free Library, under the luminous leadership of Director Cindy McVoy, may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Holland Patent Free Library; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cindy McVoy, Director, Holland Patent Free Library.

