

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Reilly's Dairy, Inc. upon the occasion
of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on June 3, 2017

WHEREAS, Within each community of this great State of New York there are certain businesses that define the nature of the region and the people who inhabit it; and

WHEREAS, Such is true of Reilly's Dairy, located on Pinnacle Road in the hamlet of Sauquoit, New York, which has proudly provided milk and grocery products, as well as employment for residents in Oneida County for four prosperous decades; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reilly's Dairy, Inc. upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary to be celebrated at a Party at the store on Saturday, June 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Richard and Kathy Reilly opened Reilly's Dairy on June 4, 1977; from its humble beginnings selling dairy products, the convenience store has grown to include gas pumps, a carwash, a deli, redemption center, and self-storage; in 2004, the original building was replaced with a larger store to meet the growing demand; and

WHEREAS, Even though there have been many changes since its inception, the Reilly family still owns and operates the business, proving to be an exception in a world of franchises and corporate ownership; today, Richard Reilly and his daughter, Bethany, manage the day-to-day store operations; and

WHEREAS, After 40 years of business, Reilly's Dairy remains an important economic force in Sauquoit, employing 22 full- and part-time employees, and serving as a one-stop-shop for groceries, beverages, gasoline, New York Lottery, fresh-made subs, baked goods and much more; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to its community, Reilly's Dairy has graciously donated to numerous fundraisers for local school groups and organizations; and

WHEREAS, For 40 years Reilly's Dairy, Inc. has stood as a beloved establishment which has provided a friendly, open environment for patrons to shop and meet with their neighbors; Richard and Bethany always greeted each and every one of their customers with a smile, making them feel like family; and

WHEREAS, Since opening its doors, the owners and employees of Reilly's Dairy have brought an uncommon sense of quality and spirit to the community, providing Sauquoit and Oneida County not only with quality products, but with good old-fashioned memories; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledge this exceptional small business and its contributions to the local economy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reilly's Dairy, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on June 3, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bethany Reilly and Richard Reilly.