

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on August 16, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 business 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 commend the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary to be celebrated at a 40 & Fabulous Summer Birthday Blast! on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at the Schenectady Armory Center in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation (DSIC) is a not-for-profit organization which provides supplemental services for the property owners and businesses located within the boundaries of the Downtown Special Assessment District (DSAD); and

WHEREAS, The DSIC was originally formed in 1977, as a parking maintenance district; over two decades, later, downtown business leaders worked with the City of Schenectady to expand the functions of the DSIC to provide a broader focus on the revitalization of Downtown Schenectady via cleaning, visual improvements, marketing and business development; and

WHEREAS, Today, the DSIC cleans sidewalks, hangs over 380 flower baskets and the Hometown Heroes Banner Program in the summer, and decorates the downtown area with dozens of lights during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the year, the DSIC hosts many popular events including Schenectady Restaurant Week, the Wing Walk, the Schenectady Soup Stroll and Downtown Schenectady's City Hall-iday; and

WHEREAS, Residents and visitors can also find information on the DSIC's comprehensive website, and find directions on its Downtown Schenectady Visitor Guide and Map, and Outdoor wayfinding maps; furthermore, individuals stay up-to-date on current events by reading the weekly e-newsletter; and

WHEREAS, The success of the DSIC is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Executive Director James J. Salengo and his staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, For four decades, the DSIC has diligently worked to promote Downtown Schenectady as a premier location for commerce, recreation and living by enhancing, facilitating and supporting economic and cultural growth; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on August 16, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James J. Salengo, Executive Director, the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation.