

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMEMORATING the 95th Anniversary of the Junior League of Orange County, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is greatly enriched by the faithful and diligent work of those organizations which serve to meet the needs 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 95th Anniversary of the Junior League of Orange County, Inc. at its Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at The Powelton Club, Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Orange County, New York is part of an international organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1916, the Junior Welfare League was founded to develop aid to charitable community agencies; by September of that year, the League was organized with officers and 16 charter members; and

WHEREAS, In 1922, the Junior Welfare League was invited to join the Association of Junior Leagues of America, changing its name to the Junior League of Newburgh, Inc.; six years later, they introduced the Middletown Unit of the Junior League of Newburgh; by 1973, the Junior League of Newburgh and the Middletown Unit combined to form the Junior League of Orange County New York, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, With the addition of multiple locations, the Junior Welfare League was able to make themselves more available in a larger population, allowing the women to train every member to be an efficient volunteer, find and fulfill community needs, support projects through volunteer services and financial aid and educate every League member to be a responsible citizen; and

WHEREAS, For the past 95 years, the Junior League of Orange County New York has served the needs of the community while developing the potential of women through innovative projects which provide free education, access to career and family support resources, and skill building workshops with the goal of inspiring each woman, to maximize her potential and build a strong foundation for her future; and

WHEREAS, In the past they have been involved in numerous projects such as blood drives, Habitat for Humanity, Memory Book Project, Dress for Success, and Unstuff the Bus, as well as Woman-to-Woman; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Junior League of Orange County have focused on numerous issues within their community including pediatric obesity,

literacy, education, health and nutrition, violence against women and alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which unselfishly devote their energy, talent and thoughtful care on behalf of improving the quality and dignity of life in the community, are worthy and due full praise and recognition for their noble and dedicated efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 95th Anniversary of the Junior League of Orange County, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Junior League of Orange County, Inc.