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COMMEMORATING The Albany Ride for Missing Children
on September 21, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those renowned organizations which devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate The Albany Ride for Missing Children on Friday, September 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, finding missing children, and assisting victims of abduction and sexual exploitation as well as their families and the professionals who serve them; and

WHEREAS, What began as a small group of bicyclists who hoped to raise awareness for the plight of one missing child has grown into the biggest annual fundraiser for The New York Offices of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children; and

WHEREAS, The New York Offices of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children distribute posters of missing children to aid in their search and recovery; since September of 1995, the New York offices have provided more than 10,628,657 posters of 11,653 missing children; 7,560 have been successfully recovered; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Ride for Missing Children is comprised of approximately 100 riders who each commit themselves to raising funds for poster distribution and awareness of the need for child-safety education; and

WHEREAS, These Riders form a team called The Friends of Missing Children, and each Friend has committed to raise the funds to distribute a minimum of 1,200 posters; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Albany Friends of Missing Children will ride their bicycles 100 miles, starting at 7:30 am on Friday, September 21, 2018, at the Guilderland YMCA; the cyclists will make five stops along the route to deliver their message of child safety and abduction prevention; and

WHEREAS, These extraordinary riders will ride in a two by two formation throughout the Capital District escorted by patrols from the New York State Police, SUNY Police, Albany and Schenectady Sheriffs, as well as local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Ride for Missing Children concludes at 5:30 pm at the Guilderland YMCA with a reception for the Friends of Missing Children, the Riders, Volunteers and their Families; and

WHEREAS, A community-affirming event, The Albany Ride for Missing Children is a time to remember those missing and exploited children who have suffered what no child should have to endure; it is an occasion for people to comfort and console one another, and a night to celebrate those who have survived; and

WHEREAS, The success of The Albany Ride for Missing Children is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and participants, 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 organization and the community it serves; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate The Albany Ride for Missing Children on September 21, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The New York Offices of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.