

BY: Senator MAYER

RECOGNIZING March 30 to April 3, 2020, as National
Boys & Girls Club Week

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those illustrious organizations that have had a significant impact on our communities for the last century, and to honor our youth, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize March 30 to April 3, 2020, as National Boys & Girls Club Week; and

WHEREAS, National Boys & Girls Club Week is aware of the invaluable service Clubs bring to communities as well as shines a spotlight on the 61,000 caring, trained youth development professionals who mentor kids and teens every day in 4,300 Clubs across the nation and on United States military installations worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The first Club was created in 1860, by Mary Goodwin, Alice Goodwin, and Elizabeth Hammersley in Hartford, Connecticut, in an effort to offer a positive alternative to boys roaming the streets; and

WHEREAS, By 1906, several clubs united into the Federated Boys Club; this year marked the official beginnings of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, The organization became the Boys Clubs of America in 1931 with the same mission of getting children off the streets, and attempting to focus their attention on both positive goals and organized activities; and

WHEREAS, On its 50th Anniversary in 1956, the Boys Clubs of America received a United States Congressional Charter; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, girls became as much a part of its mission, and as such, the organization's name was once again changed to Boys & Girls Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay just tribute to those clubs of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the youth of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize March 30 to April 3, 2020, as National Boys & Girls Club Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Boys & Girls Clubs of America.