

BY: Senator MAY

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of Syracuse
University

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge significant milestones and celebrate events of historical significance which have a lasting impact within and beyond the communities of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Syracuse University to be celebrated with various events to take place throughout the year, recognizing its commitment to helping generations of students in their pursuit of academic excellence and empowering them through their education to make a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1870, Syracuse University opened its doors to all students, regardless of race or gender; over the years, the University grew into a global, student-centered research university, with 13 schools and colleges, including several that are ranked among the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Syracuse University, located in the City of Syracuse at the geographical crossroads of New York State, enrolls more than 22,000 students representing all 50 states and more than 120 countries; and

WHEREAS, This renowned University has maintained a strong and steadfast commitment to diversity and inclusion, with minorities, students of color, and international students making up more than 40 percent of student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, With a long legacy of advancing opportunity for this nation's veterans, Syracuse University nearly tripled its enrollment overnight when it welcomed unprecedented numbers of veterans to its campus under the newly implemented GI Bill after World War II; and

WHEREAS, Today, Syracuse University is home to the nationally recognized Institute for Veterans and Military Families and the soon-to-be-completed National Veterans Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, The University serves as an anchor institution and major economic force for Syracuse and Central New York; an epicenter for scholarship with international impact; and a national leader in promoting international scholarship, with study-abroad centers on three continents; and

WHEREAS, Syracuse University has produced scores of notable alumni, including Sarah Loguen, one of the nation's first African-American women to become a physician; novelist Joyce Carol Oates; Pro Football Hall of Famers Floyd Little and Jim Brown; pioneering astronaut Eileen Collins;

screenwriter Aaron Sorkin; and the first African-American Heisman Trophy winner, Ernie Davis; and

WHEREAS, Syracuse University will continue to grow and evolve and carry on its mission to educate and transform lives for another 150 years and beyond, and continue to equip students to become individuals of influence and agents of change in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Syracuse University; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kent Syverud, Chancellor and President of Syracuse University.