

BY: Senator ANTONACCI

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the **Syracuse New Times**

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently, year after year, recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the **Syracuse New Times**; and

WHEREAS, Printed continuously for the past 50 years, the **Syracuse New Times** is the oldest alternative newsweekly paper in the Nation; published every Wednesday and distributed free to more than 1,100 locations, the paper reaches over 190,000 readers throughout a six-county area every month with hyper-local stories and an entertaining and engaging look at the most interesting and relevant people and events influencing life in its community; and

WHEREAS, In February of 1969, the **Syracuse New Times** newspaper was formed on the campus of Syracuse University by Publisher Ken Simon; its humble beginnings took it from the University area, to offices in Armory Square, and 33 years ago to its present location on West Genesee Street in Syracuse; it has been locally owned for all but a few short years in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, For five decades, the **Syracuse New Times** has faithfully covered iconic events in Central New York, helped shape public opinion, and provided the reliable, go-to resource for educated, affluent, and engaged readers to discover the most important happenings in their community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the **Syracuse New Times** has established the annual Street Painting Festival during the summertime ArtsWeek festivities; the Best of Syracuse Awards, which salutes area businesses and movers and shakers; and the Syracuse Area Live Theater (SALT) Awards, which honors local theater achievements; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the **Syracuse New Times** has won more than 400 national, regional, and local awards for outstanding editorial content, photography, and design from such prestigious organizations as the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies (AAN), the New York Press Association (NYPA), Free Community Papers of NY/America (FCPNY), and the Syracuse Press Club; and

WHEREAS, The **Syracuse New Times** is currently led by Publisher Bill Brod, and committed longtime employees including: Bill DeLapp, Editor in Chief (36 years); Michael Davis, Photo Editor (38 years); Walt Shepperd,

Political Writer (38 years); Jim MacKillop, theater reviewer (42 years); Lesli Mitchell, Senior Account Representative (22 years); Deana Vigliotti, Controller (20 years); and Reid Sullivan, Family Times and Copy Editor (18 years); and

WHEREAS, After 50 years, the **Syracuse New Times** continues to maintain a high quality and relevant newspaper, and delivers a superior product to all of its readers, as well as serves as an expressive voice to the people of its community by providing a platform for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Our newspapers provide a tremendous service to citizens across the State of New York by keeping them informed about current events; the democracy of our State and Nation is strengthened by a responsible citizenry which is actively engaged in reading and kept abreast of news affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, As the **Syracuse New Times** moves into the future, it carries with it the legacy of a distinguished journalistic history and an outstanding record of growth and achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the **Syracuse New Times**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bill Brod, Publisher, **Syracuse New Times**.