

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING News Radio 810 and 103.1 WGY upon
the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who have helped shape the history of broadcasting in their area; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate News Radio 810 and 103.1 WGY upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated with a myriad of events throughout the year including a special day of broadcast on Sunday, February 20, 2022, and various podcasts as part of a series called "Wireless-100 Years of WGY," featuring the voices of former staffers or their families to talk about the time they spent on the radio stations; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, WGY has strived to inspire with the highest quality educational programming, explore the arts, culture and heritage of the region and beyond, engage in thoughtful consideration of news and issues of importance, and entertain with the very best in multimedia programming; and

WHEREAS, Licensed in Schenectady, New York, WGY strongly values diversity, in opinion, thought and culture; creativity and innovation, in thinking, programming, and content development; integrity, in how it conducts business, in the programming it creates; courage, to be different, accept failure, to take a stand; transparency, to open the activities of the station to public inquiry; accountability, in all its actions; open-mindedness, in how it approaches issues and opinions; and responsiveness, to community interests, needs and new ideas; these values help WGY clearly define its mission as an organization serving its community; and

WHEREAS, WGY has always been a trailblazer and was New York's original radio station, broadcasting for the first time on February 20, 1922, for one hour and three minutes; and

WHEREAS, In that same year, the first radio drama, "The Wolf" was performed by the WGY Players and the first remote broadcast was held at Yale and Harvard Universities; WGY also initiated the first two-way communication to England; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its informative programming, WGY has served its community in numerous other capacities, such as raising significant funds for various children's charities and the children's hospital at Albany Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, The success of WGY is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, 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 institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, WGY has served the Capital Region with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of its listeners and viewers through entertainment and enlightenment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate News Radio 810 and 103.1 WGY upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to News Radio 810 and 103.1 WGY.