

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of Rye Youth Council

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on 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 50th Anniversary of Rye Youth Council to be celebrated on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at Whitby Castle, Rye, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1972, Rye Youth Council supports the social, emotional, and mental health of children, teens and young adults; and

WHEREAS, With programs centered around promoting social emotional learning (SEL) among youth, Rye Youth Council's workshops, programs and clubs provide a platform where youth are empowered to meet life's challenges with confidence and competence; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, its after-school programs include leadership training, peer mentoring, employment services, career exploration, and community service, while its in-school curriculum addresses topics such as bullying, conflict resolution, peer pressure and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, SEL is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions; and

WHEREAS, All Rye Youth Council programs address the five broad, interrelated areas of social emotional learning competence, including self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making; and

WHEREAS, For five decades, this vital organization has been instrumental in helping countless local youth get involved in their community and make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 50-year history, Rye Youth Council has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Rye Youth Council is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated Board of Directors, staff and interns, 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, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Rye Youth Council; 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 celebrated and recognized 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 50th Anniversary of Rye Youth Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rye Youth Council.