

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Chamber
Alliance of the Mohawk Valley

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley was established with seven members in 1997; today, this vital organization consists of 23 chambers of commerce and affiliate partners, which strive to represent and promote the collective interests of the business community of the Mohawk Valley, that geographic area which includes, but is not limited to, Herkimer County, Oneida County, Madison County, Otsego County, Fulton County, and Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, As an umbrella organization, the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley diligently works to address concerns of the regional business community including tourism, economic development, health care, business/community promotion, education, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2021, the Genesis Group took over administrative duties, and the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley became a committee within the framework of Genesis; this partnership provides more stability and a stronger organizational foundation, as evidenced by the 25 virtual meetings and forums held over a 22-month period during the pandemic on topics such as economic development, healthcare, tourism, and education while maintaining an ongoing dialogue with local, county, state, and national business groups and elected officials in order to stay updated and informed on issues of importance to employers; and

WHEREAS, The collaboration is truly benefiting the region's business community, particularly during times of economic uncertainty filled with both challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Co-Chairs, Raymond J. Durso Jr. and William K. Guglielmo; as well as its staff and members, 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raymond J. Durso Jr. and William K. Guglielmo, Co-Chairs, Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley.