

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the Greater
Utica Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those organizations which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, On September 2, 1896, the Utica Chamber of Commerce was incorporated by the Secretary of the State in New York; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization comprised of business and business-oriented members dedicated to developing a prosperous economic climate that will enhance the commercial growth of the quality of life for all who reside in the Greater Utica Area; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 125 years, the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce has adapted and transformed to maintain its business edge and become known as one of the premier chambers in New York, with recognition as one of four accredited chambers in the state; and

WHEREAS, While the name evolved over the years to accommodate a growing regional membership, the mission and goals have remained the same; the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce recognizes that it is the voice of a unified business community and that by becoming active in several varied arenas, it can achieve the following goals and objectives: to play a significant role in expanding existing businesses and attracting new enterprises that will create jobs and result in economic growth for the area; to campaign for quality regional government, advocating the positive results obtained through the consolidation of elected offices and public services; to promote the area enthusiastically with innovation to the residents and nonresidents, championing those assets that many locals take for granted and outsiders may not realize; to foster partnerships and relationships with other organizations or individuals who wish to meet these opportunities and challenges within the Utica area; and to provide benefits that will assist member businesses in becoming successful economic entities; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, The United States Chamber of Commerce awarded the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce with 3-Star Accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community; the Chamber also received special recognition for its facilities, Small Business Council, Catalyst Group, and Government Affairs and Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce has been a true ambassador of economic growth and an advocate for small businesses; it has always taken a proactive approach to highlighting the wonderful resources and services available to potential clients; and

WHEREAS, The entrepreneurial spirit drives initiatives such as small business workshops, seminars, and events to improve the economy, better the business climate, increase the number of jobs, and enhance the quality of life for all that call Utica home; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce is in direct correlation to the efforts of its 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional organization and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the sparkling success it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce.