

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 20th Anniversary of the Central
New York Conservancy of Utica, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of New York, recognizing the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life in this 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 20th Anniversary of the Central New York Conservancy of Utica, New York, to be celebrated on Wednesday, June 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Central New York Conservancy (CNYC) was founded as a New York not-for-profit corporation on June 13, 2002; since its inception, the conservancy's mission has included comprehensive analysis and research of, as well as site restoration in Utica, New York's parks system; and

WHEREAS, The Conservancy also promotes healthy, sustainable, public green spaces, and advocates for integrated design and management plans that marry the interests of public users with the health and future of the landscape and community; and

WHEREAS, Utica's Parks System were designed by the Olmsted Brothers Firm over the course of 20 years, beginning in 1906, and include over 700 acres of public parkland; during the 1930s and 1940s, WPA stonemasons built many stone terraces, stairways, pools, bridges and walls in each of these parks, which add another layer of historical significance to them; and

WHEREAS, This is a part of the Conservancy's purpose to heighten the public's awareness of and appreciation for the Parks System's plant communities and watersheds that need protection and management, as well as cultural preservation of their historic architectural features; and

WHEREAS, Today, with the help of community volunteers and the City of Utica Parks Department, the Conservancy has installed trees, shrubs, and planted areas in the parks; in addition, it has designed and restored many architectural features and structures; the Conservancy is also involved in extensive gardening and maintenance along Utica's Memorial Parkway; and

WHEREAS, The Central New York Conservancy oversees arboricultural care of existing trees in the parks and serves as the catalyst for planning, designing, and installing restoration plantings; furthermore, this vital organization cultivates partnerships with local garden clubs, interested groups and park users to encourage their participation in park planting and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Central New York Conservancy 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of organizations which are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Central New York Conservancy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Central New York Conservancy, Utica, New York.