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COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of KNOW Theatre
in Binghamton, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those cultural institutions and organizations whose commitment to promoting the richness and diversity of the arts and entertainment world has contributed to the strength, vitality, and cultural enrichment of their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of KNOW Theatre in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1992, KNOW Theatre performed its first show in a church loft in downtown Binghamton; it was officially founded in 1993, and was incorporated as a not-for-profit in March of 2006; and

WHEREAS, In the beginning, KNOW Theatre presented award-winning and controversial plays in many churches and halls throughout Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2006, KNOW Theatre leased a space in the former Central Firehouse at 74 Carroll Street in downtown Binghamton, and by working with the owner, the space was converted into a black-box theatre now known as the Binghamton City Stage which seats up to 75 individuals with 63 permanent seats installed on raised platforms; and

WHEREAS, The only theater of its type in downtown Binghamton, KNOW remains true to its mission of providing high quality thought-provoking theatre for visitors and the residents of its community for three decades; and

WHEREAS, A vibrant arts community encourages collaboration, instills local pride, draws people together, and is essential to a community's vitality; since its inception, KNOW Theatre has greatly contributed to the richness of New York's cultural palette and remains steadfastly dedicated to ensuring this gem remains in all its glory for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, The arts are the building blocks of civilization; they are central to human expression; they enlighten us and inspire the imagination; educational institutions, individuals, and organizations which further such worthy purposes richly merit the recognition and appreciation of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, As KNOW Theatre looks back with great pride to its beginnings, viewing, with just satisfaction, its successful evolution,

it renews both its dedication to supporting artistic excellence, and its commitment to the community it has served since 1992, expressing its appreciation to all those who have helped to sustain and enhance it over the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of KNOW Theatre in Binghamton, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to KNOW Theatre.