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COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the
Rochester Female Charitable Society on February 26,
2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is greatly enriched by the faithful and diligent work of those organizations which serve to meet the needs 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 200th Anniversary of the Rochester Female Charitable Society to be celebrated on Saturday, February 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Rochester's oldest nonprofit organization and one of the first in the United States, the Rochester Female Charitable Society was established by 14 kind and compassionate women on February 26, 1822, for the relief of indigent persons and families in cases of sickness and suffering; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the Rochester Female Charitable Society has founded or been instrumental in establishing six social service agencies which continue to operate today: Hillside Family of Agencies (1837), Rochester Regional Health (1847), Friendly Senior Living (1849), Rochester Childfirst Network (1857), UofR Medicine Care, Visiting Nurse Service (1919), and Medical Motor Service of Rochester and Monroe County (1919); and

WHEREAS, Today, the Rochester Female Charitable Society remains true to its mission by distributing grants to nonprofit social welfare and health related organizations providing services to low-income families; and

WHEREAS, In the past 41 years, the Rochester Female Charitable Society has awarded \$2.2 million to local non profit agencies and \$1.9 million to individual clients of those agencies; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Rochester Female Charitable Society is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteer Board of Directors 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 organizations which unselfishly devote their energy, talent and thoughtful care on behalf of improving the quality and dignity of life in the community, are worthy and due full praise and recognition for their noble and dedicated efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Rochester Female Charitable Society on February 26, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rochester Female Charitable Society.