

Assembly Resolution No. 755

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commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Frederick
Law Olmsted's Birthday on Tuesday, April 26, 2022

WHEREAS, From time to time we take note of certain individuals whom we wish to recognize for their valued contributions and to publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted's Birthday on Tuesday, April 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted was an author, journalist, public official, city planner, and creative genius who truly transformed the American landscape; he will long be remembered as the founder and premier landscape architect in the United States during the 19th Century; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted's philosophy and designs influenced the development of beautiful and functional landscapes, including parks and parkways, college campuses, planned communities, estates, cemeteries, recreation areas, and specialized landscapes for arboreta; and

WHEREAS, This trailblazer truly believed landscape designs should promote community, advance democracy, provide recreational opportunities in urban environments, nurture and invigorate public health, and encourage the development of livable communities; and

WHEREAS, In 1865, Frederick Law Olmsted was one of the first individuals to promote the idea of national parks in his Yosemite Report; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted inspired the development of large parks and park systems for public benefit in many urban areas; today, his landscape designs continue to contribute to the quality of life and play a vital role in the enrichment of the City of Buffalo's park system, as well as hundreds of communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Through Frederick Law Olmsted's vision, dedication and tireless efforts, his associates, sons, and successor firms continued his work philosophy and designs well into the 20th Century, leaving a tremendous legacy of historic landscapes which continue to benefit the citizens of this great Nation and visitors from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy will be celebrating the legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted during the week of April 22, 2022, in conjunction with the observance of National Olmsted 200; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 200th Anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted's Birthday on April 26, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy.