

Senate Resolution No. 1005

BY: Senator BORRELLO

COMMENDING the Frewsburg Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the 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 commend the Frewsburg Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Frewsburg Lions Club was chartered in 1945 by the International Association of Lions Clubs; the first meeting of this chapter was held on May 28, 1945; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Lions motto of "We Serve," the Lions Club is composed of volunteers dedicated to serving others and making their community a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Assisting the blind and vision impaired was the first major emphasis of Lions International, and became the first cause of which the Frewsburg Lions Club focused, and still largely focuses on today; and

WHEREAS, The Frewsburg Lions Club has supported the Buffalo Eye Bank, distributed eye donor cards to the public, held annual clinics for glaucoma screening, collected used eyeglasses for recycling and distribution worldwide, worked with the Chautauqua Blind Association for eye screening of pre-school and school children, and assisted those in financial need following eye surgeries with copays and uninsured medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, In the 1940s, the Frewsburg Lions Club sought to protect the environment by first placing large, colorful trash barrels in various Frewsburg locations; later, the Lions Club participated in Environment Day with village cleanup; for several years, the Frewsburg Lions have engaged in the New York State Adopt-A-Highway program with semi-annual roadside cleanup of U.S. Route 62; and

WHEREAS, In great service to the youth of their community, the Frewsburg Lions Club has provided countless scholarships to high school seniors from 1972 to present day; in 1997, these Lions sponsored the organization of the Frewsburg Leo Club for students in grades 7-12, whose mission parallels that of the Lions Club through completion of community service projects; and

WHEREAS, Projects of the Frewsburg Lions Club include the creation of two standard frameworks that were erected to hold highway signs of various organizations, serving as umpires for Little League baseball

games, resodding the Little League field, the beautification of the Town Park which included creation of a sliding hill, planting 32 shade trees, clearing the park perimeter, and planting annual flowers at the base of the Town Park sign; and

WHEREAS, The Frewsburg Lions Club has provided financial support for the Frewsburg Food Pantry, Fire Department, Myers Memorial Library, and the Relief Zone local youth center; each December, the Frewsburg Lions ring the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Beyond their community, the Frewsburg Lions Club has participated in multiple district and Lions Club International fundraising campaigns to raise funds for services and disaster relief worldwide; 100% of the Lions Club net proceeds from fundraisers are dedicated to serving the public or for charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Frewsburg Lions Club currently has 29 dedicated members, and is welcoming more volunteers to serve for the benefit of the community at large; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Frewsburg Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Frewsburg Lions Club.