

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Congregation Agudat Achim upon the occasion of hosting its 45th Annual Carrot Festival on September 10, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those faith-based organizations that embrace the historical significance and contributions of their localities which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Congregation Agudat Achim upon the occasion of hosting its 45th Annual Carrot Festival on Sunday, September 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 45th Anniversary of the Carrot Festival; the occasion is complete with vendors and crafters both indoors and outdoors selling their wares, and farm-fresh produce from the Carrot Barn is made available at the Rose and Paul Westheimer Produce Tent, just as it has been every year since the very first festival; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Agudat Achim has been steadfast in their mission to give their community the Jewish tools to find meaning in life and to fulfill their spiritual needs, and enhancing the lives of their community by fostering ever greater commitment to Mitzvot Sacred Obligations such as prayer, Shabbat, Kashrut and Holidays; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the aforementioned principles, Congregation Agudat Achim is committed to creating a learning community that encompasses adults as well as children, and instilling in their members of all ages a lifelong love of Judaism; and

WHEREAS, Sponsors such as CDTA, Merrill, Lia Nissan of Colonie, Ellis Medicine, Price Chopper, Market 32, Key Private Bank and Trustco Bank all provide assistance to help make the Carrot Festival a resounding success year in and year out; and

WHEREAS, Since 1978, Congregation Agudat Achim's Annual Carrot Festival has risen from its once humble beginnings to a beloved yearly end-of-summer outing for people of the Capital District and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Carrot Festival not only showcases an excellent array of foods and desserts from all around the globe, but also live music and entertainment, in addition to local vendors who provide for a fun filled day for people of all ages throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, Raising community consciousness, Congregation Agudat Achim's Annual Carrot Festival always celebrates a theme for the event; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend cultural events which symbolize the historical, social, and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Congregation Agudat Achim upon the occasion of hosting its 45th Annual Carrot Festival on September 10, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Congregation Agudat Achim.