

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING the Amherst Gaelic League upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on March 8, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those 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 Amherst Gaelic League upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Friday, March 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Mission Statement and objective of the Amherst Gaelic League (AGL) is to be of service to the needy; to exchange and promote a spirit of good will and benevolence among its members; to develop educational programs, entertainment, and recreational activities based on Irish tradition, history, and folklore; and to promote and foster among its members the preservation, appreciation, and understanding of Irish history and folklore in all its form; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its past five decades, the Amherst Gaelic League has contributed more than \$300,000 to bolster numerous local organizations that appeal to its mission; and

WHEREAS, Included in the extensive list of neighboring organizations and programs which have benefitted from the generous support provided by the Amherst Gaelic League are: Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Refugee Resettlement Program; Youth Team which is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Gaelic Games and Irish culture in the community; Western New York Irish Famine Memorial; Buffalo Naval & Military Park; Amherst Police Foundation; Children's Hospital's lung unit; and Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of current President Michael Dolan, the Amherst Gaelic League has promoted the study and understanding of Irish history and the causes and results of the emigration of persons from Ireland to the United States of America and the division of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, The Amherst Gaelic League also encourages and supports the Irish citizens' study and understanding of the principles of American democracy and way of life through exchange programs which assist the people of Ireland through the utilization of teaching foundations, scholarships, correspondence and other written materials, and visits to the United States in addition to American citizens' journeys to Ireland; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Amherst Gaelic League is in direct

correlation to the efforts of its 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 community; 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 Amherst Gaelic League, upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary, and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Dolan, President, the Amherst Gaelic League.