

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 35th Anniversary of Cooperative
Magnetic Imaging (CMI) in 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Cooperative Magnetic Imaging (CMI) in 2024; and

WHEREAS, With a motto of "The right magnet, for the right patient, at the right time," Cooperative Magnetic Imaging, is an American College of Radiology Accredited MRI facility based in Utica, New York with three locations; CMI has assembled a reputable team of radiologists from high quality programs such as Harvard, Yale, Duke, Tufts, and Upstate Medical Centers to provide professional expertise including musculoskeletal, neuro, breast and vascular imaging; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to providing the most advanced MRI imaging to Utica, New York, Cooperative Magnetic Imaging offers patients a unique combination of open and conventional system MRI diagnostic tests with the best equipment available; CMI has the capability to perform neurological, breast, vascular and musculoskeletal specialty exams; and

WHEREAS, Delivering accurate and compassionate care to the community, CMI invested in MRI in 1989 to fulfill the need for these services in the Utica area; the MRI is continually evolving as technology advances in the field of science, and CMI prioritizes the latest technology and the highest quality of radiologist expertise available; and

WHEREAS, With many esteemed physicians and healthcare providers having chosen CMI as their MRI facility over the past almost four decades, CMI continues to put their customer service first as they serve the Utica community; and

WHEREAS, In April of 1989, CMI installed the first MRI unit at the Utica Business Park, their main headquarters to this day; as a result of a collaborative effort of several local radiologists in Oneida County, a \$2.9 million seven-ton magnet that gives physicians three-dimensional "slices" was installed; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1996, the first Open MRI was performed at CMI, which benefited patients who were unable to tolerate conventional MRI scanners due to claustrophobia or their size; then, CMI implemented MRI 3D Angiography, which is primarily used to diagnose vascular abnormalities such as aneurysms, in June of 1994; and

WHEREAS, Rising from their humble beginnings, CMI opened an MRI Campus at St. Luke's Hospital in November of 2001, where CMI Diffusion Imaging Scans of the brain are performed; expanding their services, CMI also opened an MRI Campus at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center that performs cardiac scans in February of 2003, as well as an MRI Campus at Slocum Dickson and an Open MRI in Ilion, New York in 2006; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2007, CMI implemented advanced breast MRIs at St. Luke's Hospital to answer the call of the American Cancer Society, which recommends annual breast cancer screening with magnetic resonance imaging in addition to a mammogram for women at high risk of breast cancer; that same year, CMI radiologists performed the first breast MRI guided core biopsy, an extremely accurate way of localizing the suspicious area of breast tissue in high risk individuals; and

WHEREAS, Reaching a remarkable milestone, CMI performed over 200,000 MRI exams by 2009; today, the company continues to provide a unique combination of open and conventional system MRI diagnostic tests with state-of-the-art medical equipment and a high level of professional services, their latest innovation being the installation of the Siemens 3 Tesla Magnetom Skyra MRI, the most powerful MRI that is clinically available in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The success of Cooperative Magnetic Imaging (CMI) is in direct correlation to the efforts of its President and CEO, its stakeholders, and its dedicated staff, 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 company and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Cooperative Magnetic Imaging (CMI) in 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cooperative Magnetic Imaging (CMI).