

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING "The Empire Plate" upon the occasion of celebrating its 500th episode on December 1, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize illustrious culinary broadcasts which connect their viewers to the power and joy of food, and have positively impacted and substantially contributed to the vitality of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate "The Empire Plate" upon the occasion of celebrating its 500th episode; this milestone show will be recorded on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at Wild Cat Sports Pub in Camillus, New York; and

WHEREAS, Local food enthusiast, Bill Vinci, of Rome, New York, travels across the State of New York, along with his son Ryan, featuring family-owned bars and restaurants on his online food show, "The Empire Plate"; and

WHEREAS, What began more than nine years ago on YouTube has grown to attract a large social media following and national acclaim with famous guests participating in the show, ranging from sports stars to rockers and celebrity chefs; and

WHEREAS, The remarkable success of "The Empire Plate" is due in large part to the steadfast and unwavering commitment of this extraordinary team: Producer and Host Bill Vinci, Associate Producer Ryan Vinci, and Lafayette Cunningham who shoots, edits, and helps produce the 8-to-12-minute segments; and

WHEREAS, For nearly a decade, "The Empire Plate" has celebrated the joys of eating out while supporting family businesses and helping promote restaurants across New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of radio and television productions both large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate "The Empire Plate" upon the occasion of celebrating its 500th episode on December 1, 2022, and to offer best wishes to its team for continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bill Vinci, Ryan Vinci and Lafayette Cunningham, "The Empire Plate".