

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 35th Anniversary of Loaves & Fishes Hospitality Center

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished histories of its esteemed entities which stand to serve the well-being of the citizens of this noble 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 Loaves & Fishes Hospitality Center, to be celebrated March of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Loaves & Fishes Hospitality Center operates throughout all months of the year, serving lunches and dinners to members of the Canastota, New York community who are in need; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated staff and volunteers of Loaves & Fishes Hospitality Center have distributed thousands of meals since its opening in March of 1988; and

WHEREAS, Donations of baked goods from TOPS Market, milk from Queensboro Dairy in Canastota, Food Bank of CNY grants, support from Canastota Area Association of Churches, Canastota Community Chest, Canastota Lions Club, American Legion Auxiliary, local businesses, and individual contributions help make this a successful program for those who rely on its services; and

WHEREAS, Current dedicated volunteers include Archie Anderson, Linda Baldwin, Carol Casler, Bev & Lyle Eddy, Barb Evans, Bob Lake, Bruce Quackenbush, Claire VanEpps and Cindy Read, all of whom, along with many others through the past 35 years, help prepare, serve, and clean up after the meals, thusly contributing to the esteemed successes which Loaves & Fishes Hospitality Center enjoys today; and

WHEREAS, Loaves & Fishes Hospitality Center of Canastota has a long and distinguished history of providing food to those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Loaves & Fishes Hospitality Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Loaves & Fishes Hospitality Center in Canastota, New York.