

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Western
Town Library on June 29, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary organizations whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Western Town Library, to be celebrated on Thursday, June 29, 2023 with a myriad of events at the Western Town Library in Westernville, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1923, a group of forward thinking ladies of the Town of Western, New York congregated to develop a local library to serve the town and surrounding communities; the first board of trustees consisted of: Eleanor Floyd, Minnie Davis, Nellie Warcup, Ida Reese, Lenora Van Wagen, Cora Pillmore, and Minnie Pierce; and

WHEREAS, Initially located within several private homes, the Western Town Library found support from the community and was placed in the Town Hall, and then at its current location, at 9172 Main Street; the library was given a provisional charter by the Board of Regents on April 7, 1923; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, the Western Town Library became affiliated with the Mid York Library System in 1960 and an absolute charter was granted by the Board of Regents on November 21, 1974; and

WHEREAS, The Western Town Library's mission is to provide valuable and relevant service to the communities of Westernville, Ava, Holland Patent, Lee Center, Boonville, and others; the library is dedicated to providing library materials, computer access, and special events to support the community; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Western Town Library serves nearly 3,000 patrons every year and 6,000 people checked out library materials in 2022; the collection of the library contains 10,532 volumes and circulates 9,825 items annually; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing the Westernville community with opportunities to read, the Western Town Library also serves as a community events center, hosting activities for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Western Town Library Board of Trustees for 2023 include: Jamie Wilbert, Board President; Joan Zelinski, Vice President; Cynthia Arthur, Corresponding Secretary; Christina Born, Recording Secretary; Jason Kerr, Treasurer; Cindy Mierek; Sue Naresky;

Lawrence Mierek; Nancy Nieley; Veronica McFee; Lisa Mumpton; and Anna Radell-Weaver; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of its community, this remarkable institution has continually strived to provide outstanding service, focusing on education, recreation, and social inclusion, to a diverse population of neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the Western Town Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of the Board of Trustees and many individuals who have supported the development of the library over the years; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Western Town Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Western Town Library on June 29, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Western Town Library.