

**BY:** M. of A. Sayegh

**COMMEMORATING** the 151st Anniversary of the City of  
Yonkers on June 1, 2023

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great 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 151st Anniversary of the City of Yonkers on June 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** Located along the Hudson River, Yonkers is New York's fourth largest city and the largest city in Westchester County; and

**WHEREAS,** First established in 1646, Yonkers was not officially recognized as a city until June 1, 1872; and

**WHEREAS,** A beacon of diversity and cultures, 41 percent of the population in Yonkers is Hispanic; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Yonkers has a rich history, with the invention of the first safety elevator, and the operation of the largest carpet mill; additionally, leaders in several industries have set up in this rapidly growing city which serves as the gateway between New York City and the Hudson Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, Yonkers' Downtown Waterfront district continues to grow, with hundreds of new luxury high-rise apartments offering stellar views of the Hudson River and Palisades, gourmet restaurants, shops, and parks, just a 25-minute train ride to midtown Manhattan; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, businesses, both large and small, continue to thrive and grow in Yonkers, and the city is home to cultural amenities including the Hudson River Museum, prestigious colleges such as Sarah Lawrence, shopping centers, the arts, beautiful parks, and entertainment venues such as Empire City Casino; and

**WHEREAS,** Ranked among the safest cities in the country, Yonkers has some of the best-rated schools in the region and offers dozens of beautiful and historic neighborhoods, luxury waterfront living, and housing for all incomes; and

**WHEREAS,** Of historic origin, and remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the City of Yonkers continues to provide the quintessential quality of life for its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, under the able leadership of Mayor Mike Spano, the residents of the City of Yonkers have a bright outlook for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to live and

raise a family; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of the City of Yonkers' rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited city upon the occasion of its 151st Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 151st Anniversary of the City of Yonkers, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community of the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayor Mike Spano, City of Yonkers, New York.