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COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of Oneida Health

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those institutions which have faithfully served the health needs of the community and its citizens with unwavering diligence, unrelenting compassion, and a strong sense of commitment to upholding the highest practices and standards in their field; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Oneida Health; and

WHEREAS, In 1894, a railroad accident in Oneida brought to light the need for immediate health care services; with a makeshift treatment room established at the Presbyterian Church to treat the railroad victims, the concept of delivering organized healthcare services in the community was born; and

WHEREAS, In 1899, Oneida Mayor, J.M. Goldstein donated a plot of land on Williams Street and Oneida Health opened the doors to its first hospital, a four-bed city-operated facility; after an expansion a few years later, it was clear more was needed, and the first Broad Street Hospital was built in 1906, followed by a new 80-bed Board Street facility in 1938; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, a 126-bed hospital opened its doors at 321 Genesee Street which serves as the hospital's primary location today, and two years later, the Broad Street facility was converted into a skilled nursing facility, marking the beginning stages of Oneida Health's healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, Oneida Health saw tremendous growth in services offered with the expansion of outpatient locations; this transformed Oneida Health into an integrated healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the need for primary and preventive care services, Oneida Health opened its first outpatient office in Camden in 1991 marking the beginning of what is now a six-location primary care network with 18 primary care providers; to support access to diagnostic services, Oneida Health expanded its lab and imaging services with the development of five outpatient lab draw locations and two outpatient imaging centers; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the expansion of primary care, Oneida Health recognized the need for increased access to specialty services close to home; this commitment has created an integrated healthcare network offering specialty services that include: allergy; breast surgery; cardiology; convenient care; ear, nose, and throat; gastroenterology;

neurology; obstetrics and gynecology; oncology; orthopedics; podiatry; pulmonology; sleep; vascular; and wound care; and

WHEREAS, With a strong belief in leading-edge technology, in 2002, Oneida Health was the first hospital in Central New York (CNY) to introduce computer aided mammography; this was later followed by being among the first in CNY to invest in 3D mammography, the new gold standard in early breast cancer detection; this revered healthcare system also has instituted robotic surgery in 2012 to provide TrueBeam radiotherapy, the most advanced linear accelerator and radiosurgery treatment system available; and

WHEREAS, By developing strategic partnerships, Oneida Health is able to bring in a high level of expertise in specialized areas to become operational in a short time frame; the William L. Griffin Medical Oncology Center, Dorothy G. Griffin Radiation Oncology Center, and the Oneida Health Wound Care Center are shining examples of the result of such impactful partnerships and collaborations with entities such as Roswell Health Network and Restorix, bringing nuanced and vital care close to home for many residents; and

WHEREAS, A testament to its dedication to outstanding service, compassionate patient care, extensive knowledge, and vast treatment opportunities, Oneida Health has received the following distinctions: the region's only 5-star rated hospital by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS) for quality care in 2021; ranked in the top 2% of hospitals nationally for patient safety and patient experience by Healthgrades in 2019; Women's Choice Award for Best 100 Hospitals for Patient Experience four years in a row, 2020-2023; and is a five-star recipient for Vaginal Delivery from Healthgrades for 5 years in a row (2015-2019); and

WHEREAS, A pillar of its community, Oneida Health today includes a 101-bed acute care hospital, state-of-the-art robotic surgery center, 160 bed extended-care facility, multiple primary and urgent care offices, comprehensive lab and imaging services, outpatient and inpatient therapy, and a variety of specialty services providing care to approximately 29 communities with a population of over a 100,000 throughout Madison and Oneida counties; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Oneida Health is in direct correlation to the efforts of its host of dedicated leaders, doctors, nurses, support staff, and community groups and volunteers, 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional institution and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the same sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Oneida Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Oneida Health.