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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the
Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and 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 50th Anniversary of the Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, The Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society is dedicated to the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge of the history of the Towns of Hadley and Lake Luzerne in upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, The Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society is housed in the Frances Garnar Kinnear Museum of Local History located at 52 Main Street in Lake Luzerne; the museum's artifacts depict the evolution of life and development in the Hadley-Lake Luzerne area across three centuries; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, long-time Lake Luzerne residents, Eva Reynolds, Lester Thomas, and Grace Burchino shared a belief that people should become aware of local history, and a meeting was held on April 10, 1973, with approximately 10 people in attendance; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after the Luzerne Historical Association was formed, the group reached out to Hadley residents and by the group's second meeting they became the Hadley-Luzerne Historical Society with 28 members, including Ira Gray, famous wilderness guide, poet, and expert wood whittler; prior to the Society's Charter application, the name was once again changed to the Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, During the Society's early development, Frances Garnar Kinnear and Lester Thomas sealed the Society's concrete plans and connected the group to its permanent home, the beautiful 1880's Victorian house, furnished in the style of the era and which currently displays artifacts and exhibit rooms illustrating the region's history; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society remains true to its mission and offers a platform for historians, archeologists, and historical writers to speak about their specific disciplines; the Society offers guided tours of the Kinnear Museum and hosts various community events such as an annual, guided autumn Lantern Walk around the Historical District, a self-guided walking and driving tour throughout the Hadley-Lake Luzerne area, and letterboxing activities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the historical society has a research library that holds a variety of resource materials specific to its local history and genealogy; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society.