

BY: Senator RYAN S

COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the Buffalo
Zoo

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of those organizations within our midst that strive to enhance the quality of life in their communities by promoting wildlife conservation, science, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Buffalo Zoo; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Zoo is an organization whose work serves to secure a future where wildlife thrives and enhances the quality of life for citizens of its community and for its countless visitors over the last 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Recognized as the third oldest institution of its kind in the United States, the Buffalo Zoo, since its founding in 1875, has dedicated itself to the preservation of wildlife, offering a safe haven for endangered species and contributing to local and global conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Zoo has evolved over the years, continually improving its facilities, exhibits and visitor experiences, while preserving its historically significant grounds and architecture, including landscapes, buildings, artwork, and structures designed and completed by the Works Progress Administration; Buffalo's first African American architect, John E. Brent; and renowned zoologist, Marlin Perkins; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Zoo has played a vital role in the area economy by creating jobs, attracting tourists, and partnering with local schools, organizations, and other institutions to enrich the cultural and educational fabric of its community; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Zoo is committed to increasing access to ensure that everyone can experience the wonders of the natural world and be inspired by immersive educational programs that motivate conservation action; and

WHEREAS, Through the dedication of its staff, volunteers, and supporters, the Buffalo Zoo has become a leader in animal care, sustainability, and community outreach, leaving a legacy for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, The 150th Anniversary of the Buffalo Zoo marks an important milestone in the history of the City of Buffalo, Erie County, and State

of New York, and serves as a celebration of achievements and a reminder of the continued importance of preserving the natural world for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Zoo, with over 150 years of proud history and unrelenting commitment to advancement, remains today as a preeminent example of our understanding of, and appreciation for, the precious wildlife which comprises the bounty of nature and the beauty of our environment; this zoo has brought untold delight and expansive knowledge to a multitude of New York citizens and cherished visitors from abroad; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Buffalo Zoo on reaching the milestone anniversary of 150 years, and for their dedication to increase awareness for the importance of conservation for the benefit of both the animal kingdom and the human race; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Buffalo Zoo.