Assembly Resolution No. 1503

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COMMENDING the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County upon the occasion of hosting its 60th Annual Meeting on June 9, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made substantial impact on its communities, State, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County upon the occasion of hosting its 60th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago in 1920, and has been empowering citizens and defending democracy ever since; and

WHEREAS, The initial chapter of the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County was also founded in 1920 at the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon the founding of the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County, Kathryn Starbuck of Saratoga Springs was elected to lead the organization as this chapter's first chairperson; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County was reestablished and remains to this day as a highly active and non-partisan grassroots organization focused on voter education and civic advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Initially operating as the League of Women Voters of the Saratoga Springs Area, the chapter expanded to cover the entire county in 1999, leading to a growth in the organization's scope and impact; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County envisions a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate in government; and

WHEREAS, Since 1966, when its first organizing meeting was held, the League has promoted and advanced non-partisan voter education and civic engagement in our region; and

WHEREAS, Specific initiatives sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County include the registering of voters in low-turnout neighborhoods and in local high schools; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, June 9, 2026, the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County will hold its 60th Annual Meeting; this significant milestone marks the importance of the chapter's work since its founding and serves a reminder of the work that is yet to be done; and

WHEREAS, Today, the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County continues its work by providing trusted voter information, hosting candidate forums, and supporting an informed and engaged public while simultaneously honoring its strong commitment to not supporting or opposing any political party or candidate; and

WHEREAS, The important work of promoting voter education and engagement is vital to the successful functioning of our cherished democracy; by dedicating time, energy, and knowledge, organizations such as the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County contribute to the preservation of democracy and advancement of our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County upon the occasion of hosting its 60th Annual Meeting on June 9, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County.