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COMMEMORATING the 70th Anniversary of the Saratoga Senior Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in this noble 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 70th Anniversary of the Saratoga Senior Center, located on West Avenue in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 1940s, there was a Golden Age Club movement across the country with the mantra, "age is no barrier"; and

WHEREAS, With that theme in mind, the Saratoga Senior Center began in 1955 with its first home on Circular Street in Saratoga Springs; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of its seven decades of service, the Saratoga Senior Center has relocated twice, yet its core mission has remained steadfast-to empower seniors in achieving and maintaining personal independence and well-being by offering a structured environment with the necessary support services for healthy recreation, companionship, social engagement, and problem-solving; and

WHEREAS, Since 2023, the Saratoga Senior Center has been situated on Saratoga's West Avenue, serving as an indispensable resource to the community, providing programs and services to over 3,700 individuals, with an average of 200-250 daily visits to the center; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of its location, the Saratoga Senior Center has remained the heart of Saratoga Springs, fostering socialization, independence, healthy living, and creating lasting memories for thousands of individuals; and

WHEREAS, Whether through art and fitness classes, educational programs, support groups, excursions, or shared meals, the Saratoga Senior Center serves as a home away from home for older adults; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its recreational and social offerings, the Saratoga Senior Center also provides vital outreach services, including advocacy, food assistance, transportation, caregiver support, social palliative services for seniors with serious illness, and volunteer/senior matching programs, all of which support seniors in aging with dignity and independence; and

WHEREAS, With a proud and distinguished legacy, the staff of the Saratoga Senior Center can reflect on their enduring commitment with great pride, knowing that their dedication to serving the older adult citizens of Saratoga County and beyond has profoundly impacted the lives

of many and contributed to the overall welfare of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Saratoga Senior Center in Saratoga Springs, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment, and the significance of its accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Saratoga Senior Center, Saratoga Springs, New York.