

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York, to be celebrated on May 18, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; these institutions give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York and profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York, is a landmark jewel of the art world located in downtown Elmira; it is housed in the 1833 neo-classical Arnot family mansion; and

WHEREAS, Opened in May 1913, the Arnot Art Museum contains one of the last remaining private art collections still exhibited in its original nineteenth century showcase; and

WHEREAS, Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Arnot Art Museum holds a permanent collection of seventeenth through nineteenth century European paintings and sculpture; nineteenth through twenty-first century American art; and collections of Asian and Egyptian artifacts; and

WHEREAS, Temporary exhibitions at the Arnot Art Museum highlight various aspects of the collections and include works from museums around the world; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, the Arnot Art Museum revised its mission to include a primary focus on representational art, reflecting a distinctive and relevant identity; it began the world-renowned series of exhibitions, "Re-presenting Representation" in 1993, and has built an acclaimed collection of contemporary drawings, paintings and sculpture; and

WHEREAS, The Arnot Art Museum will celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary throughout 2013 with special exhibitions, events, programs, lectures and a Centennial Ball to mark the official anniversary on May 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, "Re-presenting Representation," the serial exhibition presenting the best in new contemporary realist works, will return to the Museum galleries as part of the Centennial celebrations; and

WHEREAS, In an innovative partnership with the Elmira City School District, every single student visits the Arnot Art Museum four times during his or her academic career; in 2011-2012, 2,158 students participated in tours and hands-on activities tailored to classroom needs and common core learning standards; it offers educational programs specifically tailored by grade level; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Arnot Art Museum's award-winning Chemung River School serves fourth grade classrooms in regional schools; over 5,000 students have participated in this multidisciplinary collaborative program combining fourth grade science, natural and social history, and ecology curricula with writing, literature, performing and visual arts; begun in 1994, Chemung River School has been recognized by New York

State Council on the Arts, the Institute of Museum and Library Services,

The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes and the National Endowment for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded 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 Centennial Anniversary of the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York.