

BY: Senator O'MARA

CELEBRATING June 25, 2018, Nurturing Community Day
in Chemung County

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those citizens, institutions and organizations who initiate and encourage partnerships that strengthen the fabric of life throughout their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate Monday, June 25, 2018, Nurturing Community Day in Chemung County; and

WHEREAS, Nurturing Community Day is a special event celebrated by a coalition of organizations comprised of The Food Bank of the Southern Tier, the Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley, the Chemung County Library District, and the Senate Summer Reading Program, Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum, Abby's Paws for a Cause, and the Chemung County Child Hunger Task Force; and

WHEREAS, On Nurturing Community Day, the coalition will kick off the county's annual Summer Food Service Program and, this year, a broader summer-long campaign to help nourish the minds and bodies of Chemung County's children and families; and

WHEREAS, Nuturing Community Day marks the beginning of a communitywide effort throughout the summer of 2018, urging citizens to join a summer reading program and celebrate nurturing their community with fun, friends, and food, as well as to support efforts encouraging, promoting and developing a sense of community for the well-being of this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that the minds and bodies of children require adequate nutrition all year long, and the Summer Food Service Program provides a nutritious, no-cost option for families during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, It is also estimated that school summer breaks will cause the average student to lose up to one month of educational instruction; and

WHEREAS, The children of Chemung County are the foundation on which our future success is built; and

WHEREAS, Families and communities are required to have fun throughout the summer; and

WHEREAS, Families are encouraged to play and read as vital contributions in helping children develop a positive self-image, sense of belonging, a sense of competence, and a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals and organizations who work to support their communities by providing their skills and talents to helping others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate Monday, June 25, 2018, Nurturing Community Day in Chemung County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Food Bank of the Southern Tier, the Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley, the Chemung County Library District, Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum, Abby's Paws for a Cause, and the Chemung County Child Hunger Task Force.