

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Club Monarch upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Within each community of this great State of New York there are certain businesses that define the nature of the region and the people who inhabit it; and

WHEREAS, Such is true of Club Monarch, located at 16 Erie Street, in the village of Yorkville, New York, which has provided nourishment and employment for residents in Oneida County for 40 prosperous years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Club Monarch upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary; on every Friday throughout the month of January, customers will receive a complimentary dessert to celebrate this momentous occasion; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1979, Elaine and Rich Hickel purchased Club Monarch, a well-known restaurant and banquet facility in Yorkville, a suburb of the City of Utica; after the unfortunate death of Rich in 1998, Elaine and her children, Joe, Nicole and Rich, carried on the family business turning it into the immensely popular destination it is today; and

WHEREAS, Club Monarch serves a full dinner menu with its famous fish fry every Friday evening, and specializes in wedding receptions, and both anniversary and all-occasion parties; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing a warm and comfortable place for people to gather and enjoy good food, Club Monarch prides itself on giving back to its community by regularly donating food to Mother Maryann's Kitchen, and hosting various benefits for cancer survivors, underprivileged children and families in need; the Hickel family is always willing to donate time, money or food for the community; and

WHEREAS, For 40 fruitful years, the owners and employees of Club Monarch have brought an uncommon sense of quality and spirit to the community, providing Yorkville and Oneida County not only with impeccable service and delicious food, but also with good old-fashioned memories to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this Legislative Body recognize local businesses such as Club Monarch which have become institutions in the community, as well as the successful entrepreneurs who have nurtured them throughout the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Club Monarch upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the same sparkling success and indomitable spirit which has so characterized its past; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elaine Hickel, Owner, Club Monarch.