

BY: Senator BORRELLO

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Jones Memorial Hospital of Wellsville, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those institutions which have faithfully served the health needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate 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 100th Anniversary of Jones Memorial Hospital of Wellsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, When Gertrude Jones left her Wellsville home and an endowment to the village, her instructions were to open a public hospital within one year; adhering to her wishes, Jones Memorial Hospital admitted its first patient on June 27, 1921; and

WHEREAS, As a village-owned entity, community support was vital from the very beginning when voters had to accept the gift and the \$75,000 bond needed to transform the home into a hospital; of the 202 votes cast on this proposition, 196 were in favor, giving Wellsville a hospital that is ready-made and will be the pride of the city for all time; and

WHEREAS, The hospital's first board of managers included Lee Fassett, Marian Fisher, Alwin Shaller, Myrtle Bradley and Frank Wall, and were charged with directing the transformation of the Jones mansion into a modern, up-to-date community hospital; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, Jones Memorial Hospital has stayed true to its mission of ensuring access to the highest quality for its community in a caring manner; and

WHEREAS, The success of Jones Memorial Hospital is in direct correlation to the efforts of its CEO, Eva Benedict; its board which includes Rich Ewell, Karol Marciano, Samantha Gilkey, Dan Johnson, Dr. William A. Coch, Mary Kate Cole, Dr. Robert Gilfert, Daniel Guiney, Ian Jones, James Knapp and Barry Kulp; and its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Venerable and trustworthy institutions, tending to the needs of the community and its citizenry, represent the threads from which the fabric of society is woven; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize the benevolent good works of health care institutions, sharing the pride of its history and accomplishments, and anticipating its future of continued growth in quality and personalized care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to extend congratulations and just tribute to Jones Memorial Hospital, commemorating its 100th Anniversary of service and care on behalf of the Wellsville, New York community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eva Benedict, CEO, Jones Memorial Hospital.