

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 75th Anniversary of Utica  
College

**WHEREAS**, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in higher education for the young adults of 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 75th Anniversary of Utica College; and

**WHEREAS**, The leaders of the City of Utica and Syracuse University formally announce the opening of Utica College at a community dinner held at the Hotel Utica on September 16, 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, Two weeks later, the inaugural Convocation ceremony was held in the sanctuary of Plymouth Church, officially starting Utica College's first academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, On October 19, 1961, the Burrstone Road campus was formally dedicated, concluding the move from Oneida Square to the College's new permanent location; and

**WHEREAS**, By 1978, Utica College was independently accredited; and

**WHEREAS**, Utica College was afforded governance and autonomy as an independently chartered institution in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, On October 17, 2008, Syracuse University and Utica College publicly announced Utica's transition to full independence, fulfilling the founding promise of a freestanding four-year college in the City of Utica; and

**WHEREAS**, Utica College seized the initiative among America's colleges and universities in addressing affordability by reducing its tuition price by 42% on September 15, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, Utica College may look back with pride upon its humble beginnings, find just satisfaction in its purposeful growth and hold true of purpose in its dedication to serving the educational needs of its students; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Utica College, noting the propriety of its goals, the dependability 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 Laura Casamento, the first female President in the history of Utica College.