Senate Resolution No. 2196

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of The Friends of the Outlet on April 21, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of New York, recognizing the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life in this 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 40th Anniversary of The Friends of the Outlet on Sunday, April 21, 2024; the organization will mark this momentous occasion by hosting a myriad of community events, starting with a painting project at Cascade Falls; and

WHEREAS, This initiative is part of a broader effort to transform the historic mill site into a vibrant picnic area along the 7.2-mile Keuka Outlet Trail; and

WHEREAS, The painting day aims to refresh the remaining buildings at Cascade, now a hub for The Friends of the Outlet organization's activities, including equipment storage, event organization, and summer meetings; the project, which may include a community mural, invites volunteers to contribute to the site's beautification, giving community members a sense of contribution and pride in beautifying their local natural landscapes and structures for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of the Outlet's commitment to the Keuka Outlet Trail and surrounding community is evident in the range of activities it hosts and its enduring presence, growth, and the sparkling success it has experienced thus far; and

WHEREAS, The work of this benevolent organization not only preserves the area's natural and historical beauty, but also fosters a sense of community involvement and outdoor appreciation which undoubtedly has a tremendous positive impact on the local community, and as a result, the State and Nation at large; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of organizations which are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of The Friends of the Outlet on April 21, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Friends of the Outlet.