Senate Resolution No. 39

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** the Rome Arts and Community Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 55th Anniversary on September 9, 2022

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Rome Art and Community Center (RACC) upon the occasion of celebrating its 55th Anniversary at their Gala on Friday, September 9, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** RACC is Rome, New York's only multi-arts facility, offering both cultural and community programming at little or no cost to the public; this exceptional art center welcomes almost 5,000 visitors annually, including visitors from all over the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Highly committed to making programming accessible to all, regardless of age, race, economic status or physical ability, this center continues to be a true asset to its community and in addition, is also a home away from home for hundreds of artists each year, whether they exhibit their engaging works in the galleries or are featured performers; and

**WHEREAS,** RACC offers unique opportunities to experience the arts on a very personal level, whether it be through hands-on instruction, quiet walks through a serene gallery space, or even as a part of a large community event; this extraordinary environment has been a part of the Rome community since 1967, and continues to impact the lives of children, teens, and adults every year since; and

**WHEREAS,** This Gala is a celebration of 55 years of commitment bringing arts and culture to the greater Rome community; many people in the community believe the art center is a place that instills fond memories of taking art classes, having piano recitals, or attending great events, and the RACC wishes to celebrate those memories and connections with everyone; and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious occasion provides RACC with a platform to pay tribute to local businesses that have supported the art center for many years: Olney's Flowers, Engelbert Jewelers, and Ann Lynch Interiors have been instrumental in their support; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens

of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Rome Art and Community Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 55th Anniversary on September 9, 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rome Art and Community Center.