Assembly Resolution No. 2012

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COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Utica Zoo's Brewfest on August 3, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of those organizations within our midst that strive to enhance the quality of life in their communities by promoting wildlife conservation, science and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Utica Zoo's Brewfest on Saturday, August 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Brewfest is the Utica Zoo's annual beer tasting event which takes place on zoo grounds and features more than 120 craft beers, ciders, seltzers, and malt beverages on tap, as well as wine samples and wine slushies, with all proceeds benefitting the animals of the Utica Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Located in Roscoe-Conkling Park, the Utica Zoo has served the region for more than 100 years and is part of a recreational complex made possible by the donation of land from Thomas R. Proctor in 1909; and

WHEREAS, The Utica Zoo has grown from its humble beginnings with three fallow deer in 1914, to its present collection of over 99 species of animals; and

WHEREAS, Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Utica Zoo creates unique experiences and promotes public appreciation of wildlife through education, conservation, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the dedicated staff of the Utica Zoo has connected people to the natural world and provided engaging guest experiences, excellent animal care, and exceptional conservation education; and

WHEREAS, The Utica Zoo is a destination much appreciated by the residents of the State of New York and visitors who seek the historical, cultural, and recreational resources of the area; it is a source of pride and community heritage to all the people of Utica; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Utica Zoo's Brewfest on August 3, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the Utica Zoo.