

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 46th Anniversary of Big Apple
Music of Utica, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The Bolos Brothers, John and Mark, originally started Big Apple Music with a \$500 loan from their father and help from brother Peter Bolos and their cousin Sami; and

WHEREAS, Within a few years of opening, Big Apple Music grew from a humble inventory of a few guitars and car stereos to offering home and car audio, drums and a wider range of guitars; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, as Big Apple Music outgrew its original location at 1906 Oriskany Boulevard in Utica, the store moved next-door to the Holland Farms Bakery, where the business really began to flourish; and

WHEREAS, Big Apple Music began offering more equipment, including full PA systems; a larger variety of brands and styles of guitars and drums; school band instruments; a full assortment of home stereo products; video products such as TVs, VCRs, and video games; and an increased number of car stereo equipment; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Big Apple Music moved to their current location in what is now the Big Apple Plaza on the corner of Commercial Drive and Seneca Turnpike in New Hartford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peter Bolos bought into the business and eventually bought out his brother John in the mid-1980s; and

WHEREAS, Today, Big Apple Music offers a vast variety of car, marine, home, and commercial audio, as well as lighting, electronics, and musical equipment; the business also offers installation services for homes, schools, restaurants, and churches; and

WHEREAS, A true testament to its resilience and adaptability, Big Apple Music continues to evolve with the changing markets and now offers New York State licensed security and surveillance installation services, as well as glass tinting, home audio systems, remote car starters, heated seat installations, and all styles of LED lighting and vehicle accessories--including, but not limited to, those for boats, RVs/campers, and all-terrain vehicles; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledge Big Apple Music and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body commemorate the 46th Anniversary of Big Apple Music of Utica, New York and to wish this business continued prosperity in its vital work on behalf of its customers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Big Apple Music.