

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations of significance that have demonstrated steadfast commitment to improving the lives of citizens and strengthening communities across New York 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 100th Anniversary of Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties, to be observed in 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its founding in 1925, Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties has remained dedicated to transforming lives through its unwavering mission to care for others while promoting human development, collaboration, and the elimination of poverty and injustice; and

**WHEREAS,** For a century, Catholic Charities has recognized and addressed the persistent challenges of poverty, mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness affecting individuals and families in the region; and

**WHEREAS,** Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties serves as a vital lifeline for the most vulnerable members of the community by offering a wide range of compassionate programs and services, including residential care, mental health counseling, emergency community assistance, a food pantry and pet pantry, youth recreational opportunities through CYO Basketball, and the nurturing environment of Camp Nazareth; and

**WHEREAS,** Beyond providing tangible necessities, Catholic Charities extends hope, encouragement, and optimism to thousands each year, affirming the inherent dignity of every person and helping individuals and families to build strength for a better future; and

**WHEREAS,** Catholic Charities delivers these services without regard to an individual's ability to pay, and with a commitment to inclusivity, welcoming and assisting all individuals regardless of religion, race, sexual orientation, disability, or nationality; and

**WHEREAS,** The tireless efforts and profound impact of Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties would not be possible without the dedication of its staff, volunteers, partners, and community supporters, who embody the spirit of service and compassion; and

**WHEREAS,** As Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties celebrates its Centennial Year, it is fitting that all New Yorkers recognize and applaud this outstanding organization for its 100 years of service, and

join in support of its continuing efforts in the fight against poverty, hunger, homelessness, and hopelessness; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties, and to honor its remarkable contributions to the well-being of individuals, families, and communities across Oneida and Madison Counties; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties.