

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of SUNY
Polytechnic Institute

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those commemorative historical events which symbolize the growth and development of the educational institutions which comprise the communities of this great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of SUNY Polytechnic Institute; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Polytechnic Institute (SUNY Poly) is New York State's premier public polytechnic school; located in Utica, New York, the university boasts a vibrant and inclusive community where students, faculty, and staff are empowered through a forward-looking STEAM education and dynamic campus experience; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Polytechnic Institute was founded in 1966 as Upper Division College at Utica/Herkimer/Rome and has proudly grown and adapted to meet the ever-evolving needs of students, industry, and the region, while staying rooted in hands-on learning, workforce readiness, athletics, and community impact; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of its six decades, SUNY Polytechnic Institute has expanded its academic programs and physical footprint—a direct outcome of continued investment in facilities that strengthen student experiences; in the 1980s, the Marcy campus was developed to meet such student and faculty needs and to remain a competitive force in the field of higher education; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, SUNY Polytechnic Institute was officially formed, reflecting a bold step forward in strengthening its academic and innovation mission; today, the university now operates as a single-campus institution in Utica, which is comprised of four colleges—Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Health Sciences—serving approximately 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, As a polytechnic institution, SUNY Poly offers a robust mix of professional, technical, and liberal arts programs that combine theory with practice, delivering hands-on experiences that prepare students to be workforce-ready on day one; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Polytechnic Institute's recent milestones include the creation of 14 research centers; celebration of SUNY Poly's inaugural Wolfsped Endowed Chairs, supporting academic excellence and innovation; formation of collaborative agreements with Griffiss Institute and Assured Information Security (AIS); establishment of the MV Biotech Collective with the Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI) and Mohawk

Valley Health System (MVHS); and the launch of the NYSTEC Business Center of Excellence, further advancing engagement with industry and regional economic development; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, a progressive and community-minded institution, has expanded its grades K-12 outreach and has strengthened industry partnerships that support talent pipelines and applied research, truly ensuring the development and success of the talented youth of our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, SUNY Polytechnic Institute may look back with pride upon its humble beginnings, find just satisfaction in its purposeful growth and hold true of purpose in its commitment to serving the educational needs of the citizens of New York and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of SUNY Polytechnic Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to SUNY Polytechnic Institute.