

Senate Resolution No. 1362

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** Dietra Harvey upon the occasion of her induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame on November 6, 2025

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those exemplary individuals whose dedication, vision, and service have strengthened their communities and enriched the quality of life across the 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 commend Dietra Harvey upon the occasion of her induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on Thursday, November 6, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** The Oneida County History Center, a private not-for-profit educational institution, is dedicated to preserving the history, heritage, and culture of the Greater Mohawk Valley for present and future generations; through its Historical Hall of Fame and Living Legends Celebration, it honors those whose character, leadership, and service exemplify the highest ideals of citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** A distinguished member of the 2025 class of Living Legends, Dietra Harvey of Utica, New York, is a dynamic community leader, problem-solver, mentor, and tireless advocate whose influence and impact reach across the Mohawk Valley and beyond; and

**WHEREAS,** With more than 25 years of experience in human services, Dietra Harvey has held numerous leadership roles that bridge local government, nonprofit organizations, the arts, and grassroots initiatives, all united by her steadfast commitment to uplifting and empowering others; and

**WHEREAS,** Dietra Harvey has served as Administrator for the New York State ESPRI (Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative) and as a Commissioner on the Utica Civil Service Commission, roles through which she has advanced equitable access, opportunity, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** As the owner of DDH Consulting, LLC, she provides strategic guidance in personal and professional development, helping individuals and organizations realize their fullest potential; and

**WHEREAS,** Deeply committed to civic service, Dietra Harvey lends her expertise and energy to numerous boards and committees, including YWCAMV, MUNSON, the Oneida County NAACP, the Mohawk Valley Frontiers, and the Oneida County Youth Advisory Board, demonstrating her dedication to diversity, equity, and community advancement; and

**WHEREAS,** Her exceptional leadership has been recognized through numerous honors, including the 2016 Genesis Group Joseph R. Carucci Legacy Award and the 2025 CNY Business Journal Nonprofit Award for Board Development and Leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** Through her wisdom, compassion, and unwavering drive, Dietra Harvey continues to inspire collaboration and progress, making her a respected and unifying force in the Mohawk Valley community; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize individuals of remarkable accomplishment whose lives exemplify the principles of leadership, service, and civic responsibility, and whose efforts leave an enduring positive impact on society; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dietra Harvey upon the occasion of her induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame, applauding her exceptional leadership, advocacy, and devotion to the people of Oneida County; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dietra Harvey.