Senate Resolution No. 1959

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMEMORATING Niska-Day 45 in the Town of Niskayuna on May 16, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend local governments for organizing events which help promote local business and provide a family-friendly environment to bring people together; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 45th Annual Niska-Day in the Town of Niskayuna on Saturday, May 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Niska-Day commences with a parade in Old Niskayuna, followed by a full day of family entertainment, rides, games, and delicious food at Craig School's fields and culminating with an evening grand fireworks display; and

WHEREAS, The annual Niska-Day celebration, an event with more than 25 sponsors, was established in 1980 by the Niskayuna Community Action Program (N-CAP), responding to a school district report on mental health needs, and its purpose was to reinforce shared community identification; and

WHEREAS, When the County of Schenectady was carved from Albany County on March 6, 1809, much of Niskayuna's original area was ceded to other towns; and

WHEREAS, Niskayuna, with only 681 residents, became one of the five towns and one city that comprised the new County of Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, Adjustments to Niskayuna's western boundary, made in the early 20th century, decreased the Town's area to its current 15.1 square miles; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Niskayuna became a town of the First Class, a formal state designation, and in 1975, attained a status of still higher autonomy, that of Suburban Town; and

WHEREAS, Today, Niskayuna offers all the services of a city with its population of 23,278, according to the 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, Chairpersons Amanda Mahar and Aaron Hull spearhead an effort perfectly executed by members of the Niska-Day Committee to make Niska-Day a successful event enjoyed by town residents as well as those from surrounding communities in the Capital Region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate Niska-Day 45 in the Town of Niskayuna on May 16, 2026; and

be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2026 Niska-Day Committee.