

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Rotary
Club of Sherburne, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate significant milestones of organizations that contribute to the well-being of their communities and make a lasting impact on society; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Sherburne, New York, a momentous occasion for this exemplary organization; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International was founded in 1905, by Paul Harris and a group of associates; it is a world fellowship of business and professional people dedicated to providing community service, encouraging high vocational standards and building international good will; and

WHEREAS, The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society; the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service; and

WHEREAS, The Sherburne Rotary Club was organized on March 30, 1951, by a group of seventeen Sherburne Businessmen and the Club was sponsored by the New Berlin Rotary Club under the presidency of James Honeywell; and

WHEREAS, The first meeting was held on April 5, 1951, at the Sherburne Inn where 29 charter members made an application to Rotary International for an Official Charter; Charter 7774 was granted and became effective on June 12, 1951, though the Sherburne Rotary Club banner states May 9, 1951, as the charter date; and

WHEREAS, One of the first projects undertaken by the Sherburne Rotary Club was the development of the community swimming pool and bathhouse facilities followed by the organization of a Little League baseball program; these endeavors still are very important to the life of Sherburne; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Sherburne Rotary Club has created programs that have served the youth of the community including the eyeglasses and clothing fund for disadvantaged children, a student loan

fund to aid local students with college expenses and a program for exchange students; and

WHEREAS, An ice-skating rink was developed and in recent years the Sherburne Rotary Club has built a picnic pavilion at Paddleford Park to further the enjoyment of those using the pool or attending a Little League game; and

WHEREAS, The Sherburne Rotary Club has been particularly proud of the Rogers Center, a conservation education center, which has been called "the jewel in the crown of New York State's Department of Conservation,"; it was an idea which was encouraged and developed by the Club; and

WHEREAS, Through the tireless efforts of the current officers: President Sandy Sanger, President-Elect Dee Weaver, Secretary Brenda Crandall, Treasurer Angela Jones, and Past President Dee Weaver; the Board of Directors, and dedicated members, past and present, The Sherburne Rotary Club has stood as a shining example of community enrichment and service; and

WHEREAS, During the 75 years of its proud and dynamic history, the Sherburne Rotary Club has exemplified the spirit of the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self", through the many projects and events it has sponsored which enhance the quality of life in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Sherburne Rotary Club is an eminent representative of Rotary's ideals of service and fellowship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Sherburne, New York, and to commend its members for their remarkable service to the community and the greater good; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rotary Club of Sherburne.