

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**HONORING** Kathy Freunscht upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 27, 2025

**WHEREAS,** Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathy Freunscht upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorkers' Day program on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Albany: The Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathy Freunscht has been a force in the Village of Chittenango and Town of Sullivan, New York for the past four decades; her extensive work bettering her community began during her membership with the Chittenango Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary; and

**WHEREAS,** Her efforts continued to be felt through her passionate work with the Chittenango Garden Club, Chittenango Lions Club, and the Chamber of Commerce; Kathy Freunscht also helped create the Chittenango Lions Club Botanical Park and was instrumental in establishing its fairy garden; and

**WHEREAS,** Through her membership with the Lions Club, Kathy Freunscht has been involved with such activities as the annual health fair, the Halloween Celebration at the park, food pantry drives, and story times at the local library; for her hard work and dedication, she received the Lions' Melvin Jones Award--the highest form of recognition for signifying humanitarian ideals consistent with the Lions Club's ideals of taking an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout have been her husband Bob, three children, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, all of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Kathy Freunscht has displayed throughout her life; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathy Freunscht, an active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathy Freunscht upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 27, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathy Freunscht.