

Senate Resolution No. 969

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 140th Anniversary of the Utica  
Elks Lodge No. 33

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations whose purpose has been steadfast in providing cultural education, entertainment, and philanthropy in our great State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the Utica Elks Lodge No. 33 of Utica, New York to be celebrated on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at the Utica Elks Lodge; and

**WHEREAS,** The origination of the Elks Lodge organization is a New York invention with the first lodge opening in New York City; this organization popularized and helped invent Flag Day; and

**WHEREAS,** The Utica Elks Lodge was one of the earliest Elks Lodges in America; and

**WHEREAS,** The volunteers of the Utica Elks Lodge, in their service to their community, have offered their time, funds, and comfort to help and support their community; and

**WHEREAS,** For the past 140 years, the men and women of the Utica Elks Lodge have served their community by offering help where it was needed, be it for food for the community, children's support, aid to the elderly or promoting liberty, justice and democracy; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body joins in celebrating the rich legacy of the Utica Elks Lodge No. 33 during this special milestone year; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the Utica Elks Lodge No. 33; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Utica Elks Lodge No. 33.