

Assembly Resolution No. 1166

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COMMEMORATING the 175th Anniversary of the
University of Rochester

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those institutions of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the citizens of 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 commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the University of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1850, the University of Rochester boasts a long history of advancing knowledge, developing treatments and cures, contributing to workforce development, leading technological innovation, enhancing artistic and cultural vibrancy, and reinforcing the resilience and well-being of many communities; and

WHEREAS, The University of Rochester has always had a deep commitment to welcoming remarkable individuals with various perspectives and experiences, which is essential to advancing the university's missions of education, research, and health care; and

WHEREAS, Research universities are vital to the social, economic, and physical health of our Nation, and the University of Rochester plays its part by being a Tier 1 research university with a research budget of \$488 million, boasting world-class research facilities, scientists, and technologies; and

WHEREAS, Some of the countless advancements made by members of the University of Rochester community are the HPV vaccine, Lasik surgery, and music for films loved around the world; and

WHEREAS, As the largest employer in the City of Rochester, New York, the University of Rochester provides approximately 32,200 jobs in Rochester and many more throughout the State; these employees provide the necessary innovation and power that has contributed to the university's historic legacy; and

WHEREAS, Many scholars and alumni of the University of Rochester are pioneers in their fields, and members of the University of Rochester community have produced 13 Pulitzer Prizes, 12 Nobels, 77 Grammys, and two Guinness World Records; and

WHEREAS, A 2024 report found that the University of Rochester has a total statewide impact of \$13 billion and a nationwide estimated impact of nearly \$18 billion; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of community stewardship, the University of Rochester invests more than \$2 million annually in

community healthy improvement services and almost \$535,000 annually in local partners to support economic, workforce, and community-building activities; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 175 years, the University of Rochester has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to preparing and supporting compassionate, skilled, and innovative students and scholars who are determined to tackle the world's greatest challenges; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to honor and commend the University of Rochester for its outstanding contributions to nearly all aspects of society, serving as an inspiration for future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the University of Rochester, celebrating its remarkable history, achievements, and contributions to society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the University of Rochester.