Assembly Resolution No. 1169

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COMMEMORATING the 16th Annual Walk-N-Roll for Spina Bifida at Central Park in the City of Schenectady on May 17, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which raise awareness and provide support for people living with Spina Bifida to thrive in a barrier-free world that offers ready access to an array of effective treatment options and uniformly excellent medical care; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 16th Annual Walk-N-Roll for Spina Bifida at Central Park in the City of Schenectady on Sunday, May 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Spina bifida is a condition that affects the spine, is usually apparent at birth, and is a type of neural tube defect, which can happen anywhere along the spine if the neural tube does not close all the way; and

WHEREAS, When the neural tube doesn't close all the way, the backbone that protects the spinal cord doesn't form and close as it should, which often results in damage to the spinal cord and nerves; and

WHEREAS, The Spina Bifida Association of Northeastern New York was formed in 1993 by a small group of Capital District parents whose children were born with Spina Bifida; and

WHEREAS, Since then, the organization has grown, now serving all of New York State, including adults with Spina Bifida, young children and their parents, spouses, and grandparents; and

WHEREAS, The Spina Bifida Association of Northeastern New York remains steadfast in their mission to build a better and brighter future for all those impacted by Spina Bifida; and

WHEREAS, The Walk-n-Roll, which is sponsored by The Daily Gazette and organized by the Spina Bifida Association of Northeastern New York, is a three-mile walking event to raise awareness of Spina Bifida and celebrate the accomplishments of those living with the condition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 16th Annual Walk-N-Roll for Spina Bifida at Central Park in the City of Schenectady on May 17, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to members of the Board of Directors at the Spina Bifida Association of Northeastern New York.