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**HONORING** Howard Bushinger for his contributions to the preservation of the history of North Utica

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished citizens whose dedication to preserving the history and heritage of their communities has enriched the lives of countless residents and strengthened the understanding of our shared past; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Howard Bushinger for his outstanding contributions as a local historian, author, and advocate for the preservation of the history of North Utica and the Town of Deerfield; and

**WHEREAS,** A resident of Deerfield, New York, Howard Bushinger has devoted many years to extensive historical research and documentation regarding the origins, growth, and development of North Utica, ensuring that the stories, families, and traditions that shaped the community are preserved for future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** Through his tireless efforts, Howard Bushinger has authored numerous books and publications chronicling the history of North Utica, including "North Utica: A Look Back in Time" and "North Utica: Another Look Back," which provide residents and historians alike with invaluable insight into the community's rich cultural and historical legacy; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of the 110th Anniversary of the Annexation of North Utica into the City of Utica, Howard Bushinger prepared a commemorative anniversary calendar and informational flyer to educate residents about this important milestone and inspire renewed appreciation for the area's history; and

**WHEREAS,** Howard Bushinger's passion for local history has inspired others within the community to undertake historical research and preservation efforts of their own, including research into the founding Weaver family of Deerfield, one of the original families whose presence helped shape the area that would eventually become North Utica; and

**WHEREAS,** Through his encouragement and leadership, Howard Bushinger helped motivate the formation of a committee dedicated to organizing and celebrating the 110th Annexation Celebration, ensuring that residents of Utica and the surrounding communities could gather to recognize and honor this important chapter in local history; and

**WHEREAS,** Howard Bushinger's unwavering dedication to preserving local heritage reflects the very best qualities of citizenship, civic pride, and community service, and his work will continue to educate and inspire generations to come; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Howard Bushinger for his outstanding service to the preservation and promotion of the history of North Utica and Deerfield, and to commend him for his many years of inspirational and dedicated work on behalf of the community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Howard Bushinger in recognition of this special occasion.