

Assembly Resolution No. 1395

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**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend organizations of outstanding purpose whose endeavors contribute to the quality of life in their communities and throughout 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 100th Anniversary of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, New York, to be celebrated on Thursday, May 14, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** For a century, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo have stood as one of Western New York's most trusted and enduring youth development organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** What began in 1926 with a single Rotary gift has grown into a powerful legacy of impact, providing safe spaces, caring mentors, and life-changing opportunities to generations of young people ages 5 to 18 throughout the City of Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS,** As this organization celebrates 100 years of service, it is fitting to recognize not only its rich history, but also the significance of reaching such a rare and distinguished milestone, as very few Boys & Girls Clubs across the nation achieve a centennial anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** This historic moment reflects a century of resilience, steadfast community support, and an unwavering commitment to serving youth; and

**WHEREAS,** From its earliest days to the present, the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo has remained constant: to ensure that every young person who walks through its doors has access to a safe, stable environment where success is within reach; and

**WHEREAS,** Through high-quality after-school and summer programming, the organization provides consistent and essential support during the critical hours when young people need it most, helping members graduate from high school with a plan for their future and the foundation to lead healthy, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout its history, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo has been at the forefront of youth development, serving young people from disadvantaged social, economic, and family circumstances with compassion, purpose, and dedication; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, the organization operates five clubs across the City of Buffalo, including two on the East Side, two on the West Side, and

the original South Buffalo location on Babcock Street, which continues to serve as a cornerstone of its enduring legacy; and

**WHEREAS,** Through innovative programming and comprehensive wraparound services, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo continues to invest in the future of the community, one child at a time; and

**WHEREAS,** As it looks toward the next century, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering youth, strengthening families, and building a brighter, more equitable community for all; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, New York, and to honor its remarkable legacy of service; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body congratulate the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo on this momentous occasion, and extend its sincere best wishes for continued success in empowering the lives of young people for many years to come; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, New York.