Assembly Resolution No. 1541

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COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of Mercy Flight Central's Service to Oneida County

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations whose dedication to public service has enhanced the safety, health, and well-being of the people 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 10th Anniversary of Mercy Flight Central's service to Oneida County, and to recognize its decade of providing life-saving critical care transportation to residents throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Founded as a non-profit in 1992, Mercy Flight Central has served more than 18,000 patients with more than 70 employees, beginning as an advanced life support air ambulance service and expanding to become the high-quality air medical service it is today; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2016, Mercy Flight Central established its Rome base at Griffiss International Airport, bringing rapid-response air medical services directly to the residents of Oneida County and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Flight Central's highly trained flight crews, including flight nurses, flight paramedics, pilots, mechanics, dispatchers, and support personnel, have stood ready twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to respond when every second matters; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Flight Central has become an indispensable partner to local emergency medical services agencies, fire departments, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and healthcare providers, ensuring that critically ill and seriously injured patients receive rapid access to specialized medical care; and

WHEREAS, The presence of Mercy Flight Central in Rome has strengthened emergency response capabilities throughout the Mohawk Valley, providing a vital lifeline for residents in both rural and urban communities and helping bridge the distance between patients and advanced trauma, cardiac, stroke, and specialty care centers; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its decade of service in Oneida County, Mercy Flight Central has embodied the values of integrity, compassion, and excellence, earning the trust and gratitude of first responders, healthcare professionals, public officials, and the countless patients and families whose lives have been touched by its mission; and

WHEREAS, The success of Mercy Flight Central's Rome operation has been made possible through strong partnerships with Oneida County, local municipalities, emergency service providers, healthcare institutions,

and community supporters who recognize the importance of maintaining access to world-class emergency medical transportation; and

WHEREAS, As Mercy Flight Central celebrates this significant milestone, it also recognizes the dedicated professionals whose expertise, courage, and commitment have helped save lives and provide hope during some of the most challenging moments faced by residents of the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Flight Central's celebration of 10 years of dedicated service to Oneida County will begin on Friday, June 26, 2026 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at their Rome base, hosted by the Utica Chamber of Commerce, and will continue throughout the weekend, including a Celebrating Service: A Grateful Patient Event, which aims to bring together patients, families, healthcare workers, and community leaders in order to reflect on the impact of their work and the partnerships that have led to incredible success; and

WHEREAS, The observance of Mercy Flight Central's 10th Anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect upon a decade of extraordinary service and to express appreciation for an organization whose mission has strengthened public safety and healthcare throughout the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Mercy Flight Central's service to Oneida County and the Mohawk Valley and to honor its unwavering commitment to providing critical care air medical transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mercy Flight Central.