

Assembly Resolution No. 1547

**BY:** M. of A. Bronson

**COMMENDING** Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity upon the occasion of celebrating its 350th home dedication on June 12, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those organizations within the State of New York which have positively contributed to the well-being of their communities and make a lasting impact on society; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity upon the occasion of celebrating its 350th home dedication on Friday, June 12, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Operating under the Habitat for Humanity International framework, Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Rochester, New York, and serving Monroe, Ontario, and Wayne Counties, making it one of the largest Habitat for Humanity affiliates in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Guided by the mission to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter, and inspired by the vision that every person deserves a decent place to live, Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity has significantly supported the lives of many New Yorkers through its community programs and housing support; and

**WHEREAS,** On June 12, 2026, Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity will celebrate the completion and dedication of its 350th home; throughout its history, these homes have been utilized in affordable housing programs for first-time homebuyers in need; and

**WHEREAS,** Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity was formed in January 2023, after the merging of three separate volunteer communities: Flower City Habitat for Humanity, formed in 1984; Habitat for Humanity of Wayne County, formed in 1988; and Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County, formed in 1990; and

**WHEREAS,** These three distinct organizations were primarily volunteer-run and, prior to merging, had already been building and rehabilitating homes in their respective regions of the State; and

**WHEREAS,** Now operating under the unified Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity, the volunteers, staff, and resources of these organizations have combined and can now expand their reach and impact across the three-county region; and

**WHEREAS,** Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity continues to innovate and transform the communities it serves, and in December 2025, the organization completed Rochester's first two-story modular home in the Beechwood neighborhood, welcoming a new era of reduced building

costs and expanded access to affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS,** Over its distinguished history spanning four decades, Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** The 350th home dedication is a significant milestone for Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity, its staff, and its volunteers, reflecting the combined legacy of its achievements and signifying the bright and promising future ahead; and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity upon the occasion of celebrating its 350th home dedication on Friday, June 12, 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity.