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**COMMEMORATING** the 115th Anniversary of Anita  
Stevens-Swans Humane Society

**WHEREAS**, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and pay tribute to the organizations who are committed to faithfully serving the welfare of their community and the citizens of the Great State of New York, doing so with high purpose and worthy accomplishment; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 115th Anniversary of Anita Stevens-Swans Humane Society for its dedicated service to the welfare of the community and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1910, Gustavus Swan and James Stevens-both advocates for animal and child welfare-merged their respective agencies to form the Stevens-Swan Humane Society, with the mission of ensuring the care and protection of at-risk animals, saving lives, providing a safe haven, and ultimately helping them find their "forever" homes; and

**WHEREAS**, The team is dedicated to taking care of at-risk animals who have been neglected, abandoned, or unwanted in Oneida County and helping them find their "forever" homes; they ensure that every animal that walks through their doors is provided with a stable and safe environment to live in until they find their lifelong home; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1949, the Society acquired its first animal shelter, and throughout the 20th century-and continuing to this day-annual meetings have been held; the challenge of caring for unwanted, abused, homeless, and injured animals remains as urgent today as it was then; and

**WHEREAS**, The present day Anita Stevens-Swan Humane Society evolved from the efforts of hundreds of people helping and taking care of at-risk animals that have been surrendered, lost, or are unwanted; this is a large task, the burden is overwhelming, and has not been an easy voyage; and

**WHEREAS**, Anita Stevens-Swan Humane Society is committed to all animals through the prevention of cruelty, abuse, and neglect; because of their animal adoption center and the humane society donations, they have warm blankets, clean bedrooms, and food; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout the years, trends in animal welfare have changed and with these changes came tremendous financial obligations, the animal shelter is grateful for those who donate to this amazing organization; and

**WHEREAS**, The success of Anita Stevens-Swan Humane Society over the years is a result of a combination of efforts of hundreds of people taking care of animals that are surrendered, lost or unwanted,

neglected, or abandoned in Oneida County; and

**WHEREAS,** Anita Stevens-Swans Human Society rescues, rehabilitates, and re-homes thousands of animals a year; their commitment is to alleviate animal suffering by providing shelter, promoting the human animal bond through adoption, and reducing the companion animal population with spay/ neuter services; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 115th Anniversary of Anita Stevens-Swans Humane Society, and to honor all the animals who came to the shelter abandoned and unwanted who have found their "forever" home; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anita Stevens-Swans Humane Society.