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**COMMEMORATING** the 20th Anniversary of the Relay for Life in the Town of Yorktown and recognizing the 40th year of Relay for Life's global impact in the fight against cancer

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations and events which improve the quality of life for the citizens of New York State and bring communities together for noble causes; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Relay for Life in the Town of Yorktown and to recognize the 40th year of Relay for Life's global impact in the fight against cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt walked for 24 hours to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, launching a global movement that has since raised billions of dollars for cancer research, prevention, education, and patient services; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the past four decades, Relay for Life has united communities in over 30 countries and has become a beacon of hope for millions affected by cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2005, the Town of Yorktown joined this powerful movement by hosting its first local Relay for Life, and over the past 20 years, the Yorktown event has become a beloved community tradition marked by remembrance, celebration, and action; and

**WHEREAS,** The Yorktown Relay for Life brings together survivors, caregivers, families, students, civic organizations, and local leaders who work tirelessly each year to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** The continued success and growth of the Yorktown Relay for Life is a testament to the strength, compassion, and resilience of the Yorktown community and its commitment to making a difference; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate significant milestones in the histories of vital community events that promote health, unity, and hope; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Relay for Life in the Town of Yorktown and to honor the 40th year of Relay for Life's global impact in the fight against cancer; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the organizing committee of the Yorktown Relay for Life.