

**BY:** M. of A. Buttenschon

**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of Uarda Temple No. 24, Daughters of the Nile, in Utica, NY

**WHEREAS**, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations of long-standing commitment and enduring service whose contributions strengthen the fabric of communities across 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 Uarda Temple No. 24, Daughters of the Nile, in Utica, New York, upon celebrating a century of charitable work, volunteerism, and unwavering dedication to children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in Seattle, Washington, in 1913, Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for women aged 18 and older who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile, or who were patients of Shriners Children's, or are majority members in good standing of a Masonic-affiliated youth organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its establishment in 1925, Uarda Temple No. 24 has exemplified the highest ideals of the organization's mission, offering service and compassion through its committed support of the Shriners Children's healthcare network; and

**WHEREAS**, With more than 15,000 members in over 120 cities across the United States, Canada, Brazil, and Bolivia, the Daughters of the Nile is a diverse and inclusive sisterhood unified by a shared belief in family, service, and mutual support; and

**WHEREAS**, The Daughters of the Nile's sole philanthropic mission is the support of Shriners Children's, a world-renowned network of pediatric medical facilities that provide expert, compassionate care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries, cleft lip and palate, and other complex medical needs-regardless of a family's ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1924, the Daughters of the Nile have contributed over \$75 million to Shriners Children's through their foundations, with more than \$2 million annually in direct financial support, and more than 180,000 hours of volunteer service each year; members also provide handmade items, books, toys, and other essential resources valued at over \$1 million annually; and

**WHEREAS**, For a full century, Uarda Temple No. 24 has played an active role in that mission, partnering closely with Ziyara Shrine Temple to help transport children and their families from the Mohawk Valley region to Shriners medical centers in Springfield and Boston,

Massachusetts, and Erie and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS,** The women of Uarda Temple No. 24 represent generations of committed volunteers and community leaders from all walks of life, unified in their purpose to serve others, uplift one another, and bring healing and hope to children in need; and

**WHEREAS,** On the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, Uarda Temple No. 24 rightly celebrates a legacy of compassion, sisterhood, and meaningful service that has enriched countless lives and continues to inspire future generations; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Uarda Temple No. 24, Daughters of the Nile, in Utica, New York, and to express sincere appreciation for their extraordinary legacy of service and support; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Uarda Temple No. 24, Daughters of the Nile, with the highest admiration and best wishes of this Legislative Body.