

**BY:** M. of A. Conrad

**COMMEMORATING** the 100th Anniversary of Zonta Club  
of Kenmore, New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens 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 100th Anniversary of Zonta Club of Kenmore, New York; the organization will celebrate this momentous milestone throughout the year with a great series of events; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1919 in Buffalo, New York, Zonta International is a global organization of professionals dedicated to empowering women and girls through service and advocacy; since its founding, the organization has grown to encompass 1,200 clubs across 67 countries, including the Zonta Club of Kenmore; and

**WHEREAS,** Zonta Club of Kenmore was founded in 1925 with the mission of serving local communities through improving the lives of women and girls in the Kenmore-Tonawanda area; the individuals who support this mission understand that communities are stronger and healthier when equal opportunities for education, healthcare, and domestic safety exist; and

**WHEREAS,** To accomplish the organization's mission, the devoted and proud members of Zonta Club of Kenmore address and support the changing needs of local women and girls through service, advocacy, education, and resource development; and

**WHEREAS,** To begin celebrating its 100th Anniversary, the Zonta Club of Kenmore invited Community Outreach Manager Kelly Ghist of the Family Justice Center to speak about the services and support available to individuals in unhealthy relationships, and to provide educational information necessary for members of the community who may be experiencing relationship abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** Zonta Club of Kenmore will host 16 days of activism from November 25 to December 10, 2025; this is an admired annual global event that brings all Zonta Clubs together to spread their important message of "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women"; and

**WHEREAS,** Following the 16 days of activism, Zonta Club of Kenmore will host a pancake breakfast at the Zion United Church of Christ on Saturday, December 13, 2025, as part of its ongoing 100th Anniversary celebrations; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to the much-anticipated pancake breakfast, the

members of the Zonta Club of Kenmore also volunteer locally at many food pantries and events throughout the holidays, including a "Blessing of the Backpacks" event that is admirably held yearly; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of Zonta Club of Kenmore is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all their endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2025-2026 Zonta Club of Kenmore Officers include: President Jeanne Phillips, First Vice President Janice Gangloff, Second Vice President Sheila Ginnane, Treasurer Audrey Moorhead, Secretary Janet Biondolillo, and Directors Sharey Edholm and Kathleen Barrus; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2025-2026 Zonta Club of Kenmore Foundation Officers include: President Jenny Johnston; Vice President Kathleen Kanaley; Treasurer Susan Murphy; Secretary Carol McGrath; and Directors Donna Anderson, Katherine Mang, and Katherine Gugino; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Zonta Club of Kenmore, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Zonta Club of Kenmore, New York.