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### WHEREAS,

Young Audiences of Western New York was established in 1962 as a not-for-profit whose mission was to integrate the arts into the lives of our youth; and

### WHEREAS,

Today, Young Audiences of Western New York touches the lives of 62,000 young people annually with 100 artists providing workshops and long-term residencies in eight counties in our region; and

### WHEREAS,

The youth of Western New York are afforded creative opportunities across disciplines such as theater, dance, music, literature, media and visual arts, thus helping to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, sparking imagination and personal growth; and

#### WHEREAS,

Young Audiences of Western New York is committed to reaching our teens and youth most at risk by partnering with law enforcement, health agencies and educational institutions; and

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That, in recognition of the outstanding work and distinguished service to community, the New York State Senate and the State of New York further offers its thanks and recognizes Young Audiences of Western New York.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto on March 20, 2014 set my Hand and Signature,



Vew York State Senator Mark Grisanti 60th Senate District