



CITY OF ROCHESTER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1919, local architects from Rochester recognized the need for a local organization and founded the Rochester Society of Architects. For its first 40 years the organization quietly thrived, helping its members through the Great Depression through mutual support and networking activities. In 1962 the Society became a section of the Central New York Chapter, and in 1968 earned its official chapter charter by the National Board for the American Institute of Architects (AIA); and

WHEREAS: Initially, the chapter only consisted of Monroe County, however it expanded in 1981 to include Wayne, Livingston, Ontario, Yates and Seneca counties. The chapter has continued to grow since then, becoming one of the most active in the area; and

WHEREAS: Today, AIA Rochester has more than 360 members. Twenty-three percent of its members are female. Several local firms have been recognized by AIA New York State in Design Awards Excellence, and 32 AIA Rochester members have been recognized in the AIA New York State Honor Awards. The chapter is committed to giving back to the community it serves. The chapter has given away more than \$100,000 in scholarships in the past 10 years, and built two Habitat for Humanity homes alongside the Rochester Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies; and

WHEREAS: This year, AIA Rochester celebrates its 100th year, and will celebrate with a series of events intended to demonstrate the economic impact of architecture. These events include an Art and Architecture Design Competition, an Architecture Fashion Show and a Design Awards Gala; and

WHEREAS: Architects are the very fabric of the City's built environment. They create the first impressions of our City that last a lifetime. They design the backdrops to the daily life of thousands. Architecture helped define Rochester's past, and now, as the City embarks on a new era, it will help define our future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lovely A. Warren, Mayor of the City of Rochester, New York, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2019 as a day to celebrate:

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AIA ROCHESTER

In Witness Whereof, I Have hereunto set my hand on this 23rd day of January in the year 2019.

Signed:

Mayor, Rochester, New York

