

NEW YORK STATE  
SENATE



RICH FUNKE  
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR  
55TH DISTRICT

# Proclamation

## CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

*WHEREAS, It is in the sense of the citizens of the 55th District to recognize and pay tribute to organizations and individuals in our community who offer programs and advocacy of great significance, and whose excellent services and commitment have far reaching effects that can be felt by individuals and families throughout our region; and*

*WHEREAS, The National Technical Institute for the Deaf is one such organization, that has provided deaf and hard-of-hearing students with tools to advance their education; and*

*WHEREAS, In 1968 the inaugural class of seventy students arrived at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf seeking equal educational opportunities, since then the college has graduated more than eight thousand students; and*

*WHEREAS, Continuously living up to their mission of providing state-of-the-art technical and professional education programs, The National Technical Institute for the Deaf has provided a variety of services to the Deaf community, and have continually raised the bar of excellence in our region and across the Country for providing top tier services to our Deaf community; and*

*WHEREAS, The successes of the students at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf is much due to the programs they created that are designed to prepare deaf and hard-of-hearing students to work and thrive in mainstream communities, while promoting an atmosphere of social, educational and economic prosperity, not just at the college but throughout our Nation; and*

*WHEREAS, President Johnson signed the National Technical Institute for the Deaf Act into law in 1965, which, nine years later, was dedicated to the late President for his efforts to support the Deaf community, and in 2019 the campus will be rededicated to President Johnson on the schools fiftieth anniversary; and now, therefore, be it*

*PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator Rich Funke, hereby recognize the remarkable and commendable work of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf and their fiftieth anniversary; and be it further*

*PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Dr. Gerard J. Buckley, National Technical Institute for the Deaf President, RIT Vice President and Dean.*

*NOW BE IT RECOGNIZED that I, New York State Senator Rich Funke, HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand this fifth day of April in the year two thousand and nineteen.*

Dated:

April 5, 2019

Rich Funke  
New York State Senator  
55th District

