

## 2011-J1059

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals and organizations whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming is a non-profit human services agency which provides advocacy and services for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in Livingston and Wyoming counties; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming was founded by a group of concerned parents who envisioned a rich, full life for their children with special needs; their work resulted in the area's first preschool class for children with developmental disabilities; subsequently, further programs were established in order to meet the changing needs of the children as they grew into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Today The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming serves 816 individuals and helps them to achieve their fullest potential in whatever their dreams or aspirations may be for the future; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming provides a full spectrum of educational, vocational, employment, residential, family support, transportation, and clinical coordination services to people with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Recognized for its programs, innovation and highest level of

dedication, The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming became the first human services non-profit agency to be honored by the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce in 2010; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable agency is staffed with members who are dedicated to providing the best services possible for all individuals with disabilities and who treat them with the dignity, respect and acceptance that is the right of every person; and

WHEREAS, As The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming celebrates its 50th Anniversary, it will continue to carry out its mission to empower people of all ages to experience the joys and challenges of life with a growing sense of personal dignity and independence; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations which bring greater awareness to health issues, and assist people with developmental disabilities in their quest for dignity and independence, are a great benefit to the health and welfare of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and recognize The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming, which has led the way in providing education, habilitation, as well as jobs to individuals with disabilities in the hopes of integrating them into the community for the past 50 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming.