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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ellenville Regional Hospital upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of The Critical Access Hospital Recognition Award

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed institutions within the medical community for their extraordinary and sustained contributions to the improvement of life; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent 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 concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ellenville Regional Hospital upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of The Critical Access Hospital Recognition Award by The National Rural Health Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, The Critical Access Hospital Recognition Award was established by The National Rural Health Resource Center (The Center) and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) to recognize the excellent work in critical access hospitals (CAH) throughout the country; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, the recognition promotes excellence and innovation, and honors the achievements and results of critical access hospitals while publicizing successful strategies; and

WHEREAS, One of only five hospitals in the country to receive this special recognition, Ellenville Regional Hospital demonstrates both excellence and innovation in the area of community engagement initiatives, some of which include, Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy

Services Collaborative, and the EpicCare Link Connection; and WHEREAS, In addition, an Affordable Senior Housing initiative was established, making Ellenville Regional Hospital the first New York hospital to partner with a developer to build affordable senior housing on their campus; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of President and CEO Steven L. Kelley, Ellenville Regional Hospital continues to be committed to engaging and communicating with patients, partners, and the community they serve; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments 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 honor Ellenville Regional Hospital upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of The Critical Access Hospital Recognition Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO, Ellenville Regional Hospital.