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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Community Action

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc., upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Community Action; this exceptional organization will mark its origins and recognize its partners with a Community Fair, to be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Since 1966, Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. (CAPC) has been providing invaluable and outstanding service to the citizens of Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, CAPC is one of 50 Community Action Agencies in New York State, and one of over 1,000 nationwide founded on a common purpose: to support low-income households as they develop their abilities to be self-supporting and develop family and community relationships that will sustain self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, Community Action was born out of the Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 that was initiated by President John F. Kennedy and brought to fruition by President Lyndon B. Johnson who, during a memorable State of the Union address 50 years ago, declared unconditional war on poverty; the Economic Opportunity Act was signed into law on August 20, 1964, and not only spurred the birth of Community Action, but also inspired the

introduction of Head Start one year later; and

WHEREAS, CAPC was created through the efforts of the League of Women Voters and the Council of Social Agencies, and received a grant to operate a summer Head Start program, with a staff of two and a very modest budget; and

WHEREAS, Half a century later, CAPC operates four major programs: Head Start/Universal Pre-K, Housing and Energy Services, Jefferson-Lewis Childcare and the Family Center; this effective agency has grown to 135 full-time employees and more than 10,000 individuals are served each year through a multitude of anti-poverty services; and

WHEREAS, CAPC is a community leader; its positive action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes this great Empire State a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc., upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Community Action; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc.