

## 2013-J4587

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Marianne E. Bertuna upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the IBG Professional Woman of the Year Award by the Italian Board of Guardians on May 29, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 organizations and individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Marianne E. Bertuna, partner at Aidala & Bertuna, P.C., upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the IBG Professional Woman of the Year Award by the Italian Board of Guardians to be celebrated at its 78th Annual Bishop's Gala on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Italian Board of Guardians, located in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, New York, is a non-profit social services agency, affiliated with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, and a member agency of both United Way of New York City, and the Human Services Council; and

WHEREAS, Since 1936, its mission is dedicated to addressing the social needs of communities and individuals throughout the Greater New York Metropolitan area, regardless of race, gender, age, creed, or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Italian Board of Guardians gratefully acknowledges those who support and work on behalf of its worthy endeavors; a woman of singular distinction, Marianne E. Bertuna has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent

leadership in her unwavering service to her community as well as her profession; and

WHEREAS, Marianne E. Bertuna is a partner at the law firm of Aidala & Bertuna, P.C; she began her legal career as an associate in the law firm of Arthur L. Aidala & Associates after graduating from New York Law School in 2001; after seven years of practicing law at the firm, she became a partner in the law firm with Arthur L. Aidala; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Marianne E. Bertuna graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business and French; although she knew as a high school student at Poly Prep Country Day School she wanted to be a lawyer, she also knew strong business skills are the foundation for any successful career; and

WHEREAS, While her parents Nanette and Gerald Bertuna always emphasized the importance of a good education, Marianne E. Bertuna credits her parents and the time which she spent at their business, Aldo's Photo Studio, for her strong business sense and skills; she and her sister, Christine, spent much time helping their parents, watching them run a successful business in Brooklyn for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Today, Marianne E. Bertuna practices primarily in the areas of criminal defense and real estate law; and

WHEREAS, In 2012 and 2013, Marianne E. Bertuna was selected by SUPER LAWYERS MAGAZINE as a Rising Star; in addition, she was nominated by the National Advocacy for DUI Defense as one of the top one hundred DWI attorneys in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Marianne E. Bertuna has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Marianne E. Bertuna is Second Vice President of the Columbian Lawyers Association, 1st Judicial Department, and a member of the Board of Governors for Poly Prep Country Day School, and Board of Trustees for

the Brooklyn Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her parents, with her throughout have been her sister, Dr. Christine Bertuna-Haines (Dr. Lawrence Haines), and the newest addition to the family, her niece, Madison, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals who have distinguished themselves in their profession and have faithfully served the needs of their community with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality and dignity of life in the community are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Marianne E. Bertuna upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the IBG Professional Woman of the Year Award by the Italian Board of Guardians on May 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marianne E. Bertuna.