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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 37th Anniversary of New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc., to be celebrated on June 6, 2014, and commending its Stay'n Out, Serendipity, and Outpatient Programs

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent make a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 37th Anniversary of New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc., to be celebrated on Friday, June 6, 2014, and to commend its Stay'n Out, Serendipity, and Outpatient Programs; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a ceremony and reception, to be held at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization with 37 years of experience providing substance abuse treatment to adults in the criminal justice system; it operates in-prison and community-based programs utilizing a therapeutic community (TC) model; and

WHEREAS, Its mission is to help participants effect changes in behavior and attitude that will enable them to make choices appropriate to a healthy, positive lifestyle; since its inception in 1977, New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. has successfully treated thousands of men and women, helping them to lead productive lives, free of involvement with drugs and crime; and

WHEREAS, A pioneer in the adaptation of TC chemical dependency treatment methods to the prison setting, New York Therapeutic Communities,

Inc. has helped train corrections personnel in 38 states and eight other countries, and has promoted the implementation of in-prison TC's around the world; and

WHEREAS, New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. offers substance abuse treatment for male and female criminal justice clients with a continuum of services that enable their successful re-integration into society; the two in-prison Stay'n Out units in New York State prisons provide treatment to persons in preparation for their release; and

WHEREAS, The Serendipity programs in Brooklyn offer community-based residential treatment and an alternative-to-incarceration; and its Probation Ambulatory Programs provide out-patient treatment to high-risk probationers in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Based upon personal responsibility, self-help, and mutual care, the in-prison Stay'n Out programs have a proven success rate for those completing all phases of the treatment regime; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its successful programs, New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. continues to advocate for criminal justice reform on the state and national levels in the vital arenas of alternatives-to-incarceration and prisoner re-entry back into society; and

WHEREAS, President and founder, Ronald Williams, himself a product of therapeutic communities, also co-founded Phoenix House and developed the Su Casa program for the Lower Eastside Service Center; he has worked in the field for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. has contributed significantly to improving the lives of those it serves, and their families, and may be justly proud of its programs and accomplishments, as well as the model it represents for other programs and agencies throughout New York City, New York State, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, The success of New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. is in direct correlation to the efforts of its administration and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive

commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the agency and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, As it celebrates its 37th Anniversary of service, this Legislative Body is pleased to have the opportunity to applaud all those associated with New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. over the years for their dedication to addressing problems of significant societal concern; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 37th Anniversary of New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc., to be celebrated on June 6, 2014, and to commend its Stay'n Out, Serendipity, and Outpatient Programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc.