

## 2013-J5590

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Akiko Hosler upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement on April 25, 2014

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 who would devote themselves 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 honor Dr. Akiko Hosler, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, University at Albany, in partnership with Schenectady County Department of Public Health, West Indian Diabetes Coalition, Guyanese American Association of Schenectady, and Ellis Medicine, upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement, which was celebrated at an Award Ceremony at the University at Albany, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed award honors University at Albany-community partnerships which are enhancing public well-being in the Capital Region and beyond; their community engagement is a collaboration between higher education institutions and external partners in the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources to address areas of public need; and

WHEREAS, For the past three years, Dr. Akiko Hosler has collaborated on a series of community-engaged research and public health service projects in Schenectady, New York, to address and reduce the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in the Guyanese community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Akiko Hosler has conducted research in close partnership

with the community to identify accessible, sustainable, and culturally-appropriate interventions to prevent and control diabetes; and  
WHEREAS, The Schenectady County Department of Public Health and Ellis Medicine have both incorporated this project in their community health needs assessment and action plans, mandated by the federal Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Akiko Hosler has used community-engaged teaching methods by providing her students with research opportunities working with community partners to collect and analyze public health data; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 Dr. Akiko Hosler upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement on April 25, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Akiko Hosler.