

## 2013-J5906

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

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, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; these institutions give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York and profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated with a Kick Off to Summer Event on Friday, June 27, 2014, followed by a Power Up for Kids Anniversary Party on Thursday, July 24, 2014, at the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum and Pavilion on the Hudson, Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum (MHCM) is to empower young children and their families, with the vision to create a community in which each and every child develops curiosity, confidence and self-worth; and

WHEREAS, The Museum is located in the heart of the historic Hudson Riverfront in Poughkeepsie, New York, just steps away from the Poughkeepsie Metro-North train station, the Walkway Over the Hudson, fabulous restaurants and a revitalized city waterfront park; and

WHEREAS, The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is the ideal destination for families with young children; with exhibits that focus on nature, science, literacy, art, music and the local community, the museum provides an educationally rich environment through which children have the opportunity to develop foundational skills, to engage in purposeful play, and to develop interpersonal connections; and

WHEREAS, MHCM exhibits and programs get kids moving, exploring, building, pretending, collaborating, creating and discovering; key museum programs include playgroup workshops, summer camp, StarLab Planetarium shows and birthday parties; and

WHEREAS, The museum is a popular field trip destination for preschool, pre-K, and early elementary grades, and offers outreach programs to local schools, libraries and community centers; it also hosts many special events throughout the year from festive holiday celebrations, to art, music and cultural programs; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2012, the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum was selected by the editors of HUDSON VALLEY MAGAZINE as one of its "2012 Best" in recognition of its Family Free Nights every third Saturday of each month; the Museum was also named as Hudson Valley Parent's Tops in Travel award winner for "Places to Learn"; and

WHEREAS, The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is a not-for-profit educational organization and is a member of both the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) and the Association of Children's Museums (ACM); and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, Poughkeepsie, New York.