

## 2015-J670

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Amy Anderson-Winchell, L.C.S.W. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Caritas Award by Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Amy Anderson-Winchell, L.C.S.W. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Caritas Award by Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County at its 9th Annual Celebration of Charity to be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Amy Anderson-Winchell serves as an extraordinary example of one who demonstrates a deep respect for the dignity of every individual by serving the basic needs of the most vulnerable in our midst and by significantly contributing to the building of a compassionate and just society; and

WHEREAS, Prior to earning her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981, Amy Anderson-Winchell was conferred a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University after completing her final semester of study at Yale University; upon graduation, she became a New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Amy Anderson-Winchell began her career with Access: Supports for Living, previously known as Occupations, Inc.; today, she serves as both the President and Chief Executive Officer, overseeing all activities of the multi-million dollar corporation system, and providing

organizational leadership to over 1,300 staff, as well as serving more than 10,000 people per year; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Amy Anderson-Winchell guides an experienced leadership team in delivering diverse mental health treatment, rehabilitation, community outreach, and child welfare services to the residents of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, An active member of her community, Amy Anderson-Winchell has been involved in the planning of mental health services with both the Orange County Mental Health Department and the Joint Membership of Health and Community Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Amy Anderson-Winchell serves as the Vice Chairperson of Coordinated Behavioral Health Services (CBHS), and the Secretary of the Board of Directors of New York Integrated Network for People with Developmental Disabilities (NYIN); she is also a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Rehabilitation Association and has served on task forces for multiple other state advocacy associations; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by Amy Anderson-Winchell over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned our recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Amy Anderson-Winchell, L.C.S.W. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Caritas Award by Catholic Charities

Community Services of Orange County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Amy Anderson-Winchell, L.C.S.W.