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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Long Island Cares Inc., The Harry Chapin Food Bank upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Education Partner Award by Nassau BOCES

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Long Island Cares Inc., The Harry Chapin Food Bank upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Education Partner Award by Nassau BOCES; and

WHEREAS, This most auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation's Education Partner Awards Gala on Wednesday, March 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission, changing lives and shaping the future, Nassau BOCES partners with school districts and organizations in providing leadership and the highest quality educational and support services; this exemplary organization is committed to ensuring a successful, challenging, caring and safe environment which enables students of all ages and abilities to achieve their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, The Education Partner Award recognizes those individuals or organizations that have made a substantial impact on public education in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, The future success of our State and Nation is dependent upon organizations such as Long Island Cares Inc. which dedicates its mission to the education and nurturing of our most precious resource, our youth;

and

WHEREAS, Long Island Cares is one of the region's most comprehensive hunger assistance organizations, serving thousands of individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Executive Director Paule Pachter, this esteemed organization brings together all available resources for the benefit of the hungry on Long Island, and provides for the humanitarian needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Long Island Cares provides food when and where it's needed, sponsors programs that promote self-sufficiency and educates the public about the causes and consequences of hunger on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Founded as the first food bank on Long Island, New York, in 1980 by the late singer, Grammy Award-winning songwriter and social activist Harry Chapin, Long Island Cares now provides nutritional food and support services for a network of more than 580 community-based member agencies; and

WHEREAS, With a vision for a hunger-free Long Island, this vital organization distributes more than six million pounds of nutritious food while providing such programs as Hunger Education, Job Training, Children's Nutrition, Mobile Outreach, Pet Pantry, School Tools, Government Affairs and Public Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Long Island Cares of Hauppauge, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay recognition to those organizations of commitment and high achievement whose purpose

and endeavors prove a dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Long Island Cares Inc., The Harry Chapin Food Bank upon the occa-

sion of its designation as recipient of the Education Partner Award by Nassau BOCES; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Long Island Cares Inc., The Harry Chapin Food Bank.