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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Maryann Riviello Brennan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 23, 2015

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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Maryann Riviello Brennan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award, to be celebrated at its Annual President's Award Dinner, at the Albany Marriott, Albany, New York, on Thursday, April 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A native of Nutley, New Jersey, Maryann Riviello Brennan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Journalism and Political Science at Utica College of Syracuse University, Utica, New York; she then continued her education by obtaining her Master's degree in Public Administration from the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, For the next 15 years of her career, Maryann Riviello Brennan held several different positions, including Research Analyst, Committee Director, and Constituent Services Coordinator before assuming the title of Project Director of the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD); and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Maryann Riviello Brennan has spent over 25 years volunteering her gifts of leadership, development, and commitment to numerous organizations, including the New York State

Breast Cancer Detection and Education Program Advisory Council, the Junior League of Albany, American Cancer Society Hope Club (formerly Gilda's Club), the Northeastern New York Komen Race for the Cure, and most notably, YMCA Camp Chingachgook; and

WHEREAS, Maryann Riviello Brennan's affection for YMCA Camp Chingachgook grew over the course of the 15 years her children spent there as campers, counselors-in-training, and counselors; they all loved discovering the beauty and magic of an incomparable outdoor education experience on the eastern shores of Lake George in New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Maryann Riviello Brennan became a volunteer at the much-loved camp; she helped raise funds for camp scholarships through the Annual Reach Out for Youth campaign; and

WHEREAS, Prior to being invited to join the YMCA Camp Chingachgook Board of Advisors in 2011, she participated in several successful fundraisers in honor of her late mother; since then, she has served as the Chair of the Annual Youth Scholarship Campaign Team, the Vice Chair of the Board of Advisors, and currently she holds the position of Chair of the Board Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Maryann Riviello Brennan has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her dedicated service to her community, such as the Capital District YMCA President's Award, the Annual Promise of One Outstanding Volunteer Award, and the Sustainer Bowl Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Maryann Riviello Brennan has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Daniel C. Brennan, Esq., and her two children, Nicholas and Mackenzie, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Maryann Riviello Brennan has displayed throughout her life; she has exhibited the true spirit of this

esteemed award through her tireless dedication to the YMCA and her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Maryann Riviello Brennan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 23, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maryann Riviello Brennan.