

## 2015-J1246

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony Paganucci upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Paganucci has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anthony Paganucci upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, to be celebrated at its Annual Visionary Gala, on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1908, the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) has provided comprehensive services and programs to residents of the greater Capital Region who are blind or visually impaired; in 2014, they helped over 700 individuals of all ages across 14 counties adapt to vision loss, maximize remaining vision, achieve their goals, and expand their independence; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization also offered screenings to over 2,500 children between the ages of 18 months and five years of age for possible vision problems; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by his mother to share his gifts and talents, Anthony Paganucci, is a longtime friend, volunteer and professional mentor at the NABA; his interest in this vital organization was piqued when he witnessed family members dealing with various visual impairments; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Paganucci has been involved in many programs NABA

offers to their clients; he especially enjoys volunteering his time with the youth during summer programs, and as a professional mentor; and WHEREAS, For the past four years, Anthony Paganucci has co-chaired the annual Casino Night, a major fundraiser for the NABA youth programs; since 2012, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors, and recently, accepted the role of Board Chair for Communication and Outreach Development; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Anthony Paganucci volunteers for several organizations, including the Christopher Columbus Italian Society, San Antonio Coalition for the Homeless, and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Guilderland, New York, Anthony Paganucci currently holds the position of Director of Leasing at Tri City Rentals; in his spare time, he enjoys traveling, cooking, yoga, and spending quality time with both friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who give of their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Anthony Paganucci has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony Paganucci upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Paganucci.