

## 2015-K321

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Howard T. Howlett, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Board of Directors of the WCA Hospital of Jamestown

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain milestones and accomplishments in the careers of citizens of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Howard T. Howlett, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Board of Directors of the WCA Hospital of Jamestown; and

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1885, the Woman's Christian Association of New York began as both a boarding house for young working women and a one-room hospital for its residents and other sick or injured persons; and

WHEREAS, Today, WCA Hospital of Jamestown is Southwestern New York's largest not-for-profit healthcare provider, offering an extensive range of inpatient and outpatient acute and rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS, The mission of WCA Hospital is to improve the health and well-being of the people of Chautauqua County and the surrounding area in a way that includes compassion, dedication, a commitment to quality and patient safety, while maintaining economic viability and a vision for the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, Howard T. Howlett, Jr. has helped advance this mission through his diligent service as a member of the Board of Directors for WCA Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Howard T. Howlett, Jr. was born in Detroit, Michigan; he had a long and robust career with General Motors, including stints as National and Regional Exhibit Representative, District Manager, Heavy

Duty Truck Sales Engineer, and New Car Merchandising Manager covering 106 dealerships in Western New York; in addition, he owned Howlett Cadillac Oldsmobile Pontiac, Inc. in Jamestown; and

WHEREAS, Howard T. Howlett, Jr. was first elected to the WCA Hospital Board of Directors in January of 1979; since then, as a member he has shared with the board his expertise in business development, government relations, public policy, advocacy, strategic planning, facility planning, communications, marketing and relationship building for the past 36 years; and

WHEREAS, Along with his service to the WCA Hospital Board of Directors, Howard T. Howlett, Jr. was a founding member, Chairman and Treasurer of the Healthcare Trustees of New York State; he also served as a Board Member for the Healthcare Association of New York State, a member of the Hamot Health Foundation, Inc. and a Trustee for the Fredonia College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Howard T. Howlett, Jr. served as the State of New York Commissioner on the Berger Commission and as an active member on the Committee on Governance of the American Hospital Association; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished service in the healthcare field, he has been the recipient of several awards, including the Healthcare Trustees of New York State's Trustee Advocacy Award and the Health Care Heroes Award from Buffalo Business First; and

WHEREAS, Today, Howard T. Howlett, Jr. continues to support the healthcare needs of the residents of Chautauqua County and beyond through his service as Chair of the Board of Directors for STARFLIGHT, Inc., and as Chairman of the Board of Southern Tier Healthcare System; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor beloved citizens who have contributed in extraordinary ways to the betterment of the lives of residents of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Howard T. Howlett, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Board of Directors of the WCA Hospital of Jamestown, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Howard T. Howlett, Jr.