

## 2015-J1518

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Charlene Shahin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council on April 22, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Charlene Shahin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council to be celebrated at its Semi-Annual Meeting and Head Start 50th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Shahin is dedicated to creating a positive learning environment for preschool age children, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere for parents; she expects quality early childhood education programming and provides the necessary support to allow her staff to reach this goal and fulfill the Head Start mission; and

WHEREAS, This highly respected woman is often a mentor and coach for new site supervisors/administrators to help maintain and teach best practices; Charlene also plays an empowering role as an advocate and resource to Head Start families and the communities at large; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Head Start program, Charlene Shahin has a large impact on families and children by serving as an advocate in the local community and sharing services and information; evidence of significant contributions is shown through her various affiliations with

community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Charlene Shahin exhibits vast knowledge of Head Start service areas and target populations, and provides valuable information towards program design and planning; she also represents a positive reflection of ACAP and Head Start locations in the Cohoes, Watervliet, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Shahin has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she is a member of various agency committees, task forces groups, event planning groups, and collaboration groups; she also works with the Watervliet Housing Authority, CDCCCC, and the CEO foster grandparent program; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Charlene Shahin is a member of Watervliet City School District PTA, and the Cohoes branch of Bridges Out of Poverty Committee; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Shahin has been instrumental in helping create successful community partnerships for the Head Start program and the families she serves; an effective leader and role model in her community, she continues to be an asset to the Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Shahin has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the CEO Head Start, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career thus far, Charlene Shahin has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to her work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person she educates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Charlene Shahin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council on April 22, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charlene Shahin.