

## 2015-J1738

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matthew Peter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Young Alumnus in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

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, Matthew Peter has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matthew Peter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Young Alumnus in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, to be celebrated at its 2015 Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy honors individuals such as Matthew Peter, for their outstanding contributions in the areas of political science, public administration, leadership, and continuing professional development; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Peter earned both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Political Science with a focus on International Relations from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany, in 2006 and 2007 respectively; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2007, Matthew Peter traveled and worked in Jordan, as an International Fellow with the SUNY Center for International Development; upon his return to the United States, he served the New York State Governor as a Graduate Intern and then as a full-time staff member in the Appointments Office; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2008, Matthew Peter held the position of Tax Policy Analyst with the New York State Office of Taxation and Finance; and

WHEREAS, On December 31, 2012, Matthew Peter was selected to manage Kathy Sheehan's Mayoral Campaign in Albany, New York; following the election, he coordinated her transition team, and on January 1, 2014, he was appointed to the title of Chief of Staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matthew Peter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Young Alumnus in Political Science Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Peter.