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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Mary Seacole Lifetime Achievement Award by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Mary Seacole Lifetime Achievement Award by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic, to be celebrated at its 8th Annual Gala, on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at Giando on the Water, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award recognizes those remarkable individuals, such as Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin, who have demonstrated a lifetime of service as exemplified in the spirit and tradition of Dr. Mary Seacole, whose life exemplified her passionate commitment for a just society and her vision of a better world; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 Gala is entitled "A Salute to New York City's Nonprofits and the Neighborhoods They Serve: Promoting Wellness and Healthy Neighborhoods", which will bring together the city's borough Presidents as Honorary Chairs, as well as nonprofit organizations, funders and supporters; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1998, the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC) strengthens partnerships between communities and philanthropies; its services build the capacity of New York City community-based and faith-based organizations serving low income and service-deprived neigh-

borhoods through ongoing assessments which identify human, financial and other necessary resources; and

WHEREAS, NTAC's services include Funding and Grantmaking Assistance, Project Assistance and Consultation, Board Strategy and Consultation, Meet the Grantmakers, Grant Writing 101, Marketing Outreach and Special Events, Staff/Volunteer Training, Speakers and Trainers, and Continuing Education; and

WHEREAS, Megan E. McLaughlin earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Howard University, Washington, D.C.; she then furthered her education by obtaining her doctorate from Columbia University School of Social Work, and in 2014, she was inducted into its Alumni Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin has spent more than four decades working in a variety of positions in the not-for-profit sector, including direct practitioner, policy analyst, advocate, administrator and teacher; for the past 12 years, she has been serving as a coach, and policy strategist/management consultant for numerous charitable organizations and mentors young professionals; and

WHEREAS, From 1972-1974, Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin was employed as a Social Planner in the Office of the Prime Minister in Jamaica, West Indies, where she provided leadership in formulating plans for youth, community development, child welfare, and public assistance programs and prepared papers for international forums; in addition, she held the position of Counselor at both the SEEK Program and City College, and served as a Psychiatric Social Worker at Harlem Hospital; and

WHEREAS, For nine years, Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin held the title of Senior Program Officer at the New York Community Trust, the nation's largest community foundation, providing grant support and technical

assistance to numerous grass roots, minority-led organizations and advocated for more neighborhood based services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin also worked as Field Work Instructor

at Columbia School of Social Work, where she developed the Center for Community Planning and Consultation, a fieldwork program for students pursuing a joint MSW/MBA; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin then went on to hold the esteemed position of Executive Director/CEO of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Inc., a title she officially retired from after 17 dedicated years of service; and

WHEREAS, Under her luminous leadership, the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Inc. became a powerful voice educating the public and individual leaders about the need for social welfare services and advocating with city and state governments for better and fairer allocation of resources and more enlightened public social policies; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin guided the creation of several broad-based coalitions, many of which continue today, and created new services such as The Church Desk which provided critical services to faith-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her stellar career, Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin worked effectively with various Commissioners, as well as City and State elected officials to develop and implement social legislation; she also served as a member of numerous committees, commissions, and taskforces; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin was a highly sought after speaker on welfare reform and child welfare, especially on the relationship between poverty and child welfare; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Dr. Mary Seacole Lifetime Achievement Award by the

Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Megan E. McLaughlin.