

## 2015-J2174

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge certain exemplary organizations that continue to provide superior services and support for residents, and through their work have become a beacon of hope, opportunity and prosperity within the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency that has served the low income population of Chautauqua County since 1965; the agency works in the areas of Housing and Community Development, Health Services, Early Education and Youth Services and the Chautauqua Child Care Council; and

WHEREAS, The organization has as its mission fighting the war against poverty by empowering low income individuals and stabilizing the vulnerable among us; those who serve the organization believe that all have the right to achieve success and strive to create economic opportunities that afford individuals a ladder out of poverty and improved the overall wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, For the past several years, Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. has been developing services geared toward self-sufficiency and economic security; tracking positive outcomes for customers through the Self-Sufficiency Continuum to evaluate then measure progress of customers in 26 life domains; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. implemented a centralized intake system, which links eligible households with services

and community resources and focuses on customer outcomes and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Opportunities uses a central intake system where staff, known as navigators, compile an initial risk assessment and gather information to determine eligibility for services; navigators then assist those in need in identifying goals towards self-reliance, community interrelatedness and economic security; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. added a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) to their services in 2007 to ensure that a team of professionals and paraprofessionals convene on a regular basis to determine the appropriate level and type of case management services each customer receives; and

WHEREAS, The organization has for many years provided quality services and support for residents of Chautauqua County and will continue to do so for many years; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those organizations that have achieved notable success and have contributed to the betterment of the residents of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.