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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Dream Factory of Rochester, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 17th Anniversary and the fulfillment of over 200 Dreams

WHEREAS, The Dream Factory of Rochester is a local, volunteer organization that fulfills dreams for children diagnosed with critical or chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring just recognition to those organizations and individuals from the State of New York who epitomize the essence of community service and who, through their actions, have immeasurably improved the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Dream Factory of Rochester, Inc. upon the occasion of its 17th Anniversary and the fulfillment of over 200 dreams; and

WHEREAS, At this most auspicious occasion the Dream Factory of Rochester will also recognize its volunteers and founders and honor their vision, compassion, dedication and contributions over the past 17 years; and

WHEREAS, The Dream Factory of Rochester is a non-profit organization which fulfills dreams for critically and chronically ill children, ages 3-18; this national organization was established in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1980, and now has more than 35 chapters across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Rochester chapter was founded in 1998, and fulfilled its first dream in 1999; four extraordinary women, Laura Walitsky, Linda Connolly, Lisa Caruso and Dr. Catherine Goodfellow, were instrumental in the formation of the Rochester chapter; their unwavering commitment to the community has resulted in an average of 10 dreams being fulfilled

each year; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2015, the Dream Factory of Rochester surpassed 200 dreams when they held a Quinceanera party for a 15-year old girl with multiple sclerosis; today, under the leadership of Area Director Laura Walitsky, this vital group and its energetic volunteers are working on their 207th dream; and

WHEREAS, Through its most unique and exemplary programs, the Dream Factory of Rochester and all those associated with it, demonstrate a care and concern for the dignity and quality of life for others, especially children, our most cherished citizens, which merits the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Dream Factory of Rochester, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 17th Anniversary and the fulfillment of over 200 dreams; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laura Walitsky, Area Director, the Dream Factory of Rochester, Inc.