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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rhonda Pollino upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Rising Star Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce on January 22, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rhonda Pollino upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Rising Star Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, January 22, 2016, at Waterloo/Seneca Falls Holiday Inn, Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Rising Star Award is given to a young professional (40 or under) who has made outstanding contributions to their profession or life's work and/or devoted their time and effort in the greater Seneca County community improving the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, Born in Geneva, New York, on July 14, 1981, to Kristine Marble and the late Ron Jasper, Rhonda Pollino graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1999; she went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Technical Theater from the State University of New York at New Paltz in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Since December 15, 2014, Rhonda Pollino has held the position of Executive Director of the Seneca County House of Concern; under her luminous leadership, this vital organization strives to help those in need with basic needs such as food, clothes and household items and to treat everyone with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, The Seneca County House of Concern has been a source of assistance for people in difficult situations for over 40 years; the food pantry has been a source of nourishment for those in need while the

store, staff and volunteers continue to nourish all who enter the store with kindness and a smile; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Pollino and the exceptional staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors of the Seneca House of Concern have enthusiastically spread the word about their mission, and subsequently, shown its community all of the amazing work which is being done for their neighbors in need; support from individuals, businesses, agencies, churches and civic organizations has been overwhelmingly positive, building numerous new partnerships and collaborations to better serve the public; and

WHEREAS, The Seneca County House of Concern's First Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, in collaboration with the Seneca Falls Elks Lodge and TRAC Team, was a huge success; 52 volunteers spent 25 hours of preparation, serving and cleaning over a two-day period providing 502 dinners to hungry neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Pollino has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, When she is not working or spending time with her friends and family, Rhonda Pollino serves as a member of the American Red Cross Board of Directors, holds the position of President of the Seneca Community Players and is a participant of the Seneca Falls Rotary; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Rhonda Pollino has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her loving husband, Anthony Pollino, her treasured daughter, Anna Kristine and her beloved dog, Reggie, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Rhonda Pollino has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Rhonda Pollino upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Rising Star Award by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rhonda Pollino.