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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Guru Nanak's Kitchen, Long Island, New York, upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency

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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Guru Nanak's Kitchen, Long Island, New York, upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency to be celebrated at its Hall of Honor Cocktail Party and Dinner held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at the Woodbury Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Tri Community and Youth Agency is a private, not-for-profit community based agency dedicated to supporting the growth and development of youth and their families in the communities of Huntington, South Huntington and Cold Spring Harbor; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, the Tri Community and Youth Agency has provided a wide variety of educational, recreational, social, cultural, athletic, counseling and advocacy programs, and worked closely with businesses, school districts, law enforcement, community groups, government agencies and other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Guru Nanak's Kitchen, also referred to as free kitchen, is a volunteer organization designed to serve food and other necessities to all people equally, regardless of religion, caste, color, creed, age, gender or social status; and

WHEREAS, A popular form of community outreach among Sikh groups world-wide, Guru Nanak's Kitchen is believed to have been originated in the 1400s by the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak, who started this mission to help the poor and needy; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2014, Guru Nanak's Kitchen of Long Island was founded by like-minded members of the local Sikh community who have dedicated their time and service to this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, Today, this esteemed non-profit organization is comprised of over 100 volunteers who prepare and deliver fresh food weekly to various shelters across Long Island; the organization also organizes collection drives for toys, gifts, clothes and more during the holiday season as it seeks to grow and expand its mission; and

WHEREAS, Each Tuesday, Guru Nanak's Kitchen delivers homemade, healthy, vegetarian food to the Tri Community and Youth Agency; its members have also distributed new clothing, shoes, and school supplies to the young people and their families who are in the Agency's care; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Guru Nanak's Kitchen hosted a spring celebration last year for the benefit of the Tri Community and Youth Agency, complete with a DJ and cultural dance; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an organization for the benefit of others which Guru Nanak's Kitchen has displayed throughout its existence; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 commend Guru Nanak's Kitchen, Long Island, New York, upon the occasion

of its designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Guru Nanak's Kitchen, Long Island, New York.