

## 2015-K1143

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals and organizations within the State of New York which have shown an exceptional commitment to improving the health and well-being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County to be observed at its Celebration of Charity Dinner on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, A vital presence in Orange County for more than six decades, Catholic Charities has continually strived throughout its history to offer a variety of services to fulfill the needs of orphans, immigrants, and mentally and physically ill, as well as homeless individuals and families in crisis; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County was formed as a separate incorporated agency combining services formerly provided by Pius XII Youth and Family Services with those of Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, Over the past decade, Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County has been an integral part of the care delivery system in Orange and Sullivan Counties, and continues to strive to improve the lives of anyone in need of care, hope, and help; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping people with substance abuse problems, Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County has helped more than 3,500 individuals at its eight Chemical Dependency Clinics; its

Chemical Dependency Prevention program also provides community-outreach and education to over 13,000 people; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed non-profit organization has also increased utilization of chemical dependency services at the Catholic Charities Recovery Center, and has expanded further its initiatives in Sullivan County since assuming management of The Recovery Center in April of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County Case Management has provided substantial support to almost 3,300 homeless, hungry, destitute, and marginalized individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County served more than 30,000 individuals and their families with such vital initiatives as the Employee Assistance Program, the Parish Counseling Network and The Housing Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, The success of Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County is in direct correlation to the efforts of its management and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of Executive Director Dean Scher, Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County has strived to fulfill the changing needs of its community, and remains steadfast in its commitment to serving people of all ages, races, faiths, backgrounds, incomes and abilities for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a

long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dean Scher, Executive Director, Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County.