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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Pathways, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on May 14, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Pathways, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, New York; and

WHEREAS, To mark this most auspicious occasion, Pathways, Inc. is proudly presenting An Evening with Jim Kelly, a professional Football Hall of Fame quarterback, as he shares his life story of overcoming obstacles including his insights on teamwork, leadership, having a special needs child, and battling cancer; and

WHEREAS, Pathways, Inc. is a not-for-profit human service organization serving approximately 2,000 individuals and families across 14 counties in the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, and Rochester regions of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Headquartered in the beautiful City of Corning, New York, Pathways, Inc. strives to fulfill its mission of providing children, adults, and families with specialized programs and services in such areas as developmental disabilities, mental health, family support, traumatic brain injury, nursing home alternatives, home care, and child care; and

WHEREAS, Originally incorporated as The Greenhouse Center in 1976,

Pathways, Inc. was founded by Joyce Lubold, a mother who began looking for services for her son after he had suffered brain damage, but could find no local organizations equipped to help him; and

WHEREAS, After learning of the great need for such services, Joyce Lubold quickly organized a group of like minded individuals, and established The Greenhouse Center, named after a large green house located in Corning where services to help people like her son were first offered; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, The Greenhouse Center became Pathways, Inc. after its board joined an initiative by the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to move those in institutions to smaller residences run by local agencies; it began operating its first Community Residence on East First Street in Corning; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Pathways, Inc. has experienced continued growth and expansion to include such vital services as offering homes for developmentally disabled adults and youth experiencing mental health issues, foster care, traumatic brain injury supports, nursing home alternatives, service coordination and day habilitation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this remarkable agency provides numerous programs supporting families in collaboration with Departments of Social Services, including preschool special education, infants through school age childcare, and before/after school care, as well as summer childcare; and

WHEREAS, The success of Pathways, Inc. is in direct correlation to the efforts of its leadership 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 institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Today under the luminous direction of President and CEO Dr. Edward J. Lukomski, Pathways, Inc. continues to provide a vast array of services to meet the expressed needs of the community it supports while

offering those it helps meaningful opportunities to develop to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when 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 Pathways, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Edward J. Lukomski, President and CEO, Pathways, Inc.