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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring TEAM Newburgh upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor TEAM Newburgh upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on April 21, 2016, to be celebrated at its 21st Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at The Fountains of Wallkill, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, TEAM Newburgh, is a community-based collaborative of 115 partners working to improve and enhancing the quality of life in the City of Newburgh, New York, by forging relationships among diverse groups of area residents; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping young people, TEAM Newburgh has worked closely with government officials, human service agencies and law enforcement to introduce legislation that was ultimately passed in the City of Newburgh to remove tobacco and drug paraphernalia from visible exposure in stores; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this remarkable organization has brought young people, volunteers, service agencies, and local businesses together for the past six years at an annual summer fishing trip at Lake Washington

to benefit youth from the City of Newburgh Recreation Department's summer camp and the Youth Empowerment Center; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, TEAM Newburgh's members strongly believe in the benefits of public outreach and community relations, and can be frequently found walking City streets to inform residents of the many programs and services that are available; they also attend community meetings and have representation at numerous local events including the farmers market at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Martin Colavito, Dawn Wilkin, and Regina Cieslak of lead agency, Catholic Charities, TEAM Newburgh will continue to strive to improve the well-being and vitality of its community for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, TEAM Newburgh has demonstrated the value of embracing diversity to create a better world for all; 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 honor TEAM Newburgh upon the occasion of its designation as recipients of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on April 21, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Martin Colavito, Dawn Wilkin, and Regina Cieslak, TEAM Newburgh.