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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County upon the occasion of hosting its 30th Annual Service Award Celebration on June 2, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the efforts of those organizations within the State of New York which aim to curb the use of alcohol and drugs within the community; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County upon the occasion of hosting its 30th Annual Service Award Celebration on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at F.E.A.S.T. at Round Hill, Washingtonville, New York; and WHEREAS, In 1972, the Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) was formed by concerned community members, as a non-profit organization whose purpose was to address the disease of alcoholism and other drug addictions; and WHEREAS, In 1986, ADAC secured funding from the New York State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse to establish the organization; and WHEREAS, From 1986-1994, Stephanie Hunter Lesky served as the Executive Director, and in January of 1995, James Conklin was appointed to this esteemed position; today, this vital organization is led by Executive Director, James E. Conklin; and WHEREAS, The Orange County Department of Mental Health was instrumental in assisting in the development process, and ADAC continues to contract with this department annually to provide services; in 1989, funds were secured from the New York State Division of Substance Abuse Services to expand countywide drug prevention activities; today, the Council continues to grow both financially and programmatically as appropriate within the organization's mission; and

WHEREAS, For three decades, ADAC has strived to address the disease of alcoholism and other drug addictions by educating the general public about alcoholism and other drug addictions as treatable family diseases, advocating on behalf of alcoholic and other drug dependent people and those suffering the effects of alcoholism and other drug addictions, developing a countywide voluntary constituency of actively concerned individuals educated to the problems of alcoholism, other drug addictions and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, and preventing the diseases of alcoholism and other drug dependencies and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs through education and information dissemination; and

WHEREAS, ADAC carries out this mission by identifying the needs of Orange County residents in regard to every aspect of alcoholism, other drug addictions and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs; educating all who will listen as to the nature, cause and solutions to these identified needs; refer Orange County residents to community resources; advocate for the establishment of policies and programs to meet these needs; facilitate public recognition and acceptance of alcoholism and other drug addictions as a treatable family disease; provide leadership in public policy formulation on issues of local and statewide concern and work cooperatively with all groups and individuals that comprise the alcoholism and other drug addiction constituency as well as the general public; as well as develop a community-wide voluntary constituency of actively concerned individuals educated to the problems of alcoholism, other drug addiction and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, In addition, ADAC offers training classes which allow an individual to become a Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC), a Credential Prevention Professional (CPP) or a Credentialed Prevention Specialist (CPS); and

WHEREAS, The success of ADAC is in direct correlation to the efforts of its 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 the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which 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 commend the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County upon the occasion of hosting its 30th Annual Service Award Celebration on June 2, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County.