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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Safe Homes of Orange County on October 21, 2016

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 and organizations 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 commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Safe Homes of Orange County, to be celebrated at its Celebration of Hope Gala on Friday, October 21, 2016, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Safe Homes of Orange County is a private, not-for-profit agency serving as the county's primary agency dedicated to providing confidential assistance directly to survivors of domestic violence, teen-dating violence, and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1986, Safe Homes of Orange County's mission is to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence and trafficking by providing comprehensive support services to victims and their children, and by increasing public awareness about these issues and encouraging accountability for perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, Creating a safe space for those who have been devastated by violence and abuse, Safe Homes of Orange County is a space where victims and their families can reclaim and rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, Safe Homes of Orange County provides full spectrum emergency, non-emergency, and wrap-around services for individuals and families

affected by domestic violence, teen-dating violence, and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization serves with compassion and dignity, educating and empowering all individuals and families, regardless of race, sexual orientation, socio-economic or religious backgrounds, affected by violence in their homes or relationships; and

WHEREAS, Through its legal assistance services, Safe Homes of Orange County helps to protect survivors and hold abusers accountable for their violent acts; in addition, its social services liaison program helps to ensure survivors have access to state and federal resources they so desperately need; and

WHEREAS, Safe Homes of Orange County also advocates for the development and implementation of victim-sensitive laws, policies, and procedures across all systems that impact the safety and recovery of survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 30 year history, Safe Homes of Orange County has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Safe Homes of Orange County 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 the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Safe Homes of Orange County; 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 recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Safe Homes of Orange County on October 21, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Safe Homes of Orange County.