

## 2009-J3378

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sandy Wolf upon the occasion of receiving the Joseph R. Bernstein Award from the Mental Health Association of Rockland County

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 honor Sandy Wolf upon the occasion of receiving the Joseph R. Bernstein Award from the Mental Health Association of Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Community Support Services for Adults for the Mental Health Association of Rockland County since 1999, Sandy Wolf began her involvement with the organization volunteering at the Elmwood Club; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Sandy Wolf joined the staff of the Mental Health Association of Rockland County as a mental health worker and has worked in various direct care and administrative positions since that time; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Wolf served as a recreation therapist for two years, then as Team Leader and Coordinator of Special Events and Outreach; she developed the Young Adult Program, was a Team Member and Supervisor of its Prevocational Work Unit from 1983 to 1986, and served as Program Coordinator of the Transportation Department for the Elmwood Club for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Sandy Wolf took on a new challenge as Assistant Director of Rehabilitative Services and Program Director of the Social Clubs; under her direction, these programs have grown significantly and provide an important source of social opportunities, community integration experiences, education and empowerment for people with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Wolf also served for several years as the Director of both Adult Treatment Services and Community Support Services; as a

volunteer, she is matched with two women through Compeer and serves as the board member of NAMI-FAMILYA; and

WHEREAS, With Sandy Wolf throughout have been her three children, Tracey Drayer, Jamie Wolf-Rivera and David Wolf, and seven grandchildren, Joel, Jessica, Max, Marc, Michael, Jacob and Leah, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sandy Wolf upon the occasion of receiving the Joseph R. Bernstein Award from the Mental Health Association of Rockland County, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sandy Wolf.