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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Catholic Community Services of Rockland, Inc. upon the occasion of its Second Annual Initiative "Community Garden of Love"

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who 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 Catholic Community Services of Rockland, Inc. upon the occasion of its Second Annual Initiative "Community Garden of Love"; and

WHEREAS, The Community Garden of Love is a community vegetable garden that harvests fresh produce to feed the community; the garden is sponsored by the Catholic Community Services of Rockland, the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Garden Program, and numerous volunteers and donors from the community; and

WHEREAS, In its first year, the group provided more than 105,000 meals and 2,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to 1,500 registered individuals and families with food from the pantry and garden; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Community Services of Rockland, Inc. (CCSR) was established in the mid-1990s as an outgrowth of the parish social ministry program of Catholic Charities in Rockland County to provide additional social services to those in need in Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, Numerous services are provided by Catholic Community Services of Rockland, Inc., some of which include: counseling, emergency meals, eviction prevention, financial assistance, information and referral, job readiness and placement, and reuniting families; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization is under the luminous direction of Executive Director, Martha Robles; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing its strength and commitment, and the quality and extent of its programs and services, it is the custom of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to Catholic Community

Services of Rockland, Inc., applauding its preeminent endeavors and accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Catholic Community Services of Rockland, Inc. upon the occasion of its Second Annual Initiative "Community Garden of Love"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Martha Robles, Executive Director, Catholic Community Services of Rockland, Inc., 78 Hudson Avenue, Haverstraw, New York 10927.