

## 2011-J1778

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hearts and Hands upon the occasion of its designation by the Akron Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2011 Organization of the Year Award on May 19, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and organizations and individuals whose purposeful endeavors, as involved members of the community, enhance the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Hearts and Hands: Faith in Action upon the occasion of its designation by the Akron Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2011 Organization of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Hearts and Hands: Faith in Action will be honored by the Akron Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Banquet, to be held at the Newstead Fire Company's Banquet Hall in Akron, New York on Thursday, May 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Hearts and Hands: Faith in Action, established in 2003, is a nonprofit charitable organization supported by a coalition of area faith and community-based service organizations; its services are available to the elderly and those with disabilities or with long term health concerns; and

WHEREAS, Hearts and Hands helps people in the Village of Akron and the Towns of Newstead, Alden, Wales and Clarence and those who live on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation, helping them to remain in their homes of choice by providing trained volunteers to assist them with their non-medical needs; and

WHEREAS, Through their "Best Efforts," Hearts and Hands' volunteers provide transportation to medical appointments and for local errands; at-home support such as minor home maintenance or repairs; respite services, and wellness checks, all at no charge; and

WHEREAS, Ably served by Executive Director James Bender, Program

Director Tammy Fisher, and Coordinator of Volunteers for Akron Rosann Lawson, Hearts and Hands makes it easy for members of the community with a little extra time to volunteer, letting them choose assignments which are convenient for them; and

WHEREAS, Whether they have an hour a week, a month, or just an hour every six months to offer their support, their neighbors, their community and the volunteers themselves greatly benefit from their participation in Hearts and Hands and those it serves; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize Hearts and Hands: Faith in Action for its commitment and contributions to Akron and surrounding areas and to their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when the noble aims and accomplishments of organizations such as Hearts and Hands: Faith in Action are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hearts and Hands upon the occasion of its designation by the Akron Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of its 2011 Organization of the Year Award on May 19, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hearts and Hands: Faith in Action.