

## 2011-J3638

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Mary Brennan INN Soup Kitchen's 10th Anniversary of service to the Hempstead community and beyond

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities across 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 pleased to recognize and commemorate the observation of the Mary Brennan INN Soup Kitchen's 10th Anniversary of service to the Hempstead, New York community, and surrounding communities, on Sunday, March 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Also on this auspicious occasion, the Mary Brennan INN, Long Island's largest soup kitchen, proudly held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the agency's first guest choice pantry, a new Pantry which will allow guests to choose their own grocery items; and

WHEREAS, The Mary Brennan INN has served people in need, in the Hempstead community and other communities, for many years and may be justly proud of its ability to serve the community, in a dignified and respectful manner, while providing much needed services to thousands of people seeking its assistance; and

WHEREAS, The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) addresses the issues of hunger and homelessness on Long Island by providing food, shelter, long-term housing, and supportive services in a dignified and respectful manner for those who seek its help; and

WHEREAS, The INN is a volunteer-based organization with a dedicated staff, a well-deserved broad base of community support, and a commitment to educate the public about the issues it addresses; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the distinguished record of the Mary Brennan INN merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body and of all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend the Mary Brennan INN Soup Kitchen and to commemorate its 10th Anniversary of service to the Hempstead community and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mary Brennan INN Soup Kitchen.