

## 2013-J180

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring West Side Neighborhood Housing Services for its outstanding service to the community

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 West Side Neighborhood Housing Services for its outstanding service to the community; and

WHEREAS, West Side Neighborhood Housing Services was founded in 1980, to stop the decline of the West Side and to rebuild housing stock and promote reinvestment in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, West Side Neighborhood Housing Services promotes home ownership by offering homebuyer education and lending money needed for down payments and closing costs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, loans are offered for the rehabilitation of homes in the service area and classes such as Foreclosure Prevention, Landlord/Tenant Mediation, and Post Purchase Classes are offered through West Side Neighborhood Housing Services; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment, West Side Neighborhood Housing Services has offered numerous services to its community including community building programs such as Business/Merchant Relationship, Clean-up Project, Community Outreach and Organizing, Community Planning, Leadership Training, Neighborhood/Resident Crime Watch, and Tenant Organizing; and

WHEREAS, West Side Neighborhood Housing Services also offers numerous family health programs including its Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program as well as financial planning and assistance programs such as Disposition of Foreclosed Property, Down-payment Assistance, Elderly Tax Information, Financial Education, Foreclosure Prevention Training, and its Interest Subsidy Program; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, West Side Neighborhood Housing Services is committed to Green Building and Home Improvement, as seen through its Energy Conservation Programs, Environmental Friendly Building Materials, Handyman Referrals, Home Safety and Security, Indoor Environment Quality, Lead Poison Prevention, Renewable Energy Resources, and Sustainable Site Planning; 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 celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor West Side Neighborhood Housing Services for its outstanding service to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda Chiarenza, Executive Director, West Side Neighborhood Housing Services.