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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring four Nutrition Counseling Specialists in recognition of observing National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of serious illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor four Nutrition Counseling Specialists, Sondra Kronberg, MS, RD, CEDRD, Doug Bunnell, Ph.D., FAED, CEDS, Vicki Paley, LCSW, BCD, CEDS, and Tabitha Limotte, LMFT, in recognition of observing National Eating Disorders Awareness Week on Sunday, March 1, 2015, at its 2015 conference to be held at the Omni Conference Center in Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, National Eating Disorder Awareness Week is a collective effort of primary volunteers, including eating disorder professionals, health care providers, students, educators, social workers, and individuals committed to raising awareness of the dangers surrounding eating disorders and the need for early intervention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Eating Disorder Treatment Collaborative offers comprehensive outpatient psychotherapy and nutrition counseling services to women and men, adults, adolescents, and children through a network of affiliated independent licensed professionals; this worthy organization specializes in the treatment of anorexia, bulimia, binge eating, disordered eating, exercise obsession, and body image dissatisfaction, and has developed compassionate and eclectic individualized programs that simultaneously address emotional, behavioral, and psychological needs; and

WHEREAS, The Eating Disorder Treatment Collaborative/Facilitated Eating Events and Direction (F.E.E.D.) philosophy emphasizes the uniqueness of each individual's recovery, and coordinates services among its

affiliated network of licensed psychotherapists and nutritionists who are experts in treating eating disorders, as well as experienced in other mental health issues; every aspect of treatment is a collaborative effort between team members whose primary goal is to meet the needs of the patient while promoting wellness and fostering recovery; and WHEREAS, A nutrition therapist with 30 years of experience and a recognized leader in her field, Sondra Kronberg, MS, RD, CEDRD is the Founder/Director of Eating Disorder Treatment Collaborative and F.E.E.D. Treatment Program; she is a licensed clinical nutritionist, certified eating disorder specialist and treatment consultant, and was the first nutritionist to receive the IAEDP's Certified Eating Disorder Specialist Award; and

WHEREAS, Sondra Kronberg, MS, RD, CEDRD is a founding member of the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), and a national media spokesperson for NEDA; in 2002, she received SCAN's Excellence in Practice Award, and in 2004, she was the recipient of the NEDA's Excellence in Treatment Award; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman is the Director of F.E.E.D. Concierge, and Weekly Connect and IOP Programs, as well as an Advisory Board member of Monte Nido & Affiliate Treatment Centers; Sondra Kronberg also trains other professionals in her field, presents at national conferences, and appears regularly on television; in addition, she is the author of EATING DISORDER LEARNING/TEACHING HANDOUT MANUAL on CD; and

WHEREAS, An expert clinician and leader in the eating disorder field, Doug Bunnell, Ph.D., FAED, CEDS brings over three decades of experience and a wealth of knowledge to his role as Clinical Leader of the Monte Nido's EDTNY Team; a graduate of Yale University, he did his doctoral training at Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Doug Bunnell, Ph.D., FAED, CEDS is a former board chair of the National Eating Disorders Association, a fellow of the Academy for Eating Disorders, author, and frequent presenter at national and inter-

national conferences; he is extremely passionate about research and the latest advancements in the field, and equally committed to individualized client care; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional man is directly involved in the clinical program, running groups, meeting with families, and eating meals with clients; Doug Bunnell's ability to put the latest scientific research into practice creates a successful program and an environment which fosters trust and respect from both his staff and clients; and

WHEREAS, A licensed psychotherapist and Certified Eating Disorder Specialist, Vicki Paley, LCSW, BCD, CEDS has been treating eating disorder sufferers and their families for almost 25 years, as well as training and supervising professionals in the collaborative treatment of eating disorders; for 14 years, she was Clinical Director of Eating Disorder Treatment Collaborative, and currently serves as their Clinical Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Paley, LCSW, BCD, CEDS served as President of the National Eating Disorders Association-Long Island, and was an adjunct professor at Adelphi University graduate school of psychology-Derner Institute; in addition, she is a member of the Academy for Eating Disorders, and International Association of Eating Disorder Professionals, as well as a Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Paley's professional publications include "Hatching a New Identity: Transforming the Anorexia Patient and the Therapist", in EATING DISORDERS: THE JOURNAL OF TREATMENT AND PREVENTION; she also presents and leads workshops at professional conferences, hospitals, and universities, and owns a private practice located in Manhasset, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Clinical Director at Monte Nido's Eating Disorder Treatment of New York, Tabitha Limotte, LMFT completed training with Carolyn Costin at Monte Nido's Partial Hospitalization program in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, Tabitha Limotte, LMFT received postgraduate training at the

Center for the Study of Anorexia and Bulimia in New York City; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding woman illuminates the recovery process using the most recent research, her experience as a therapist working in the field of eating disorders, and her own journey to recovery; and

WHEREAS, Eating Disorders Awareness Week will highlight the fact that

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body size and shape are strongly influenced by biological factors, such as genetics, while also calling attention to some of the new discoveries surrounding the role of genetics in the development of eating disorders; and

WHEREAS, Many New Yorkers have been diagnosed with this disease; this Legislative Body recognizes the vital importance of the Eating Disorder Treatment Collaborative and F.E.E.D. in providing excellence in care through awareness, education and treatment, and its evident commitment to this mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor four Nutrition Counseling Specialists in recognition of observing National Eating Disorders Awareness Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eating Disorder Treatment Collaborative and F.E.E.D. University, as well as the aforementioned honorees.