

## 2015-J795

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Benita L. Law-Diao, a passionate advocate for the health of the residents of the South End community, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by AVillage, Inc. on February 21, 2015

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Benita L. Law-Diao has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Benita L. Law-Diao, a passionate advocate for the health of the residents of the South End community, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by AVillage, Inc. celebrated at its 2nd Annual Celebration of Progress on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at the Downtown Holiday Inn Express, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, AVillage, Inc.'s mission is to improve the quality of life for residents of the South End in Albany, New York, and beyond, by reclaiming our neighborhoods, by encouraging, engaging, and empowering our communities; and

WHEREAS, Benita L. Law-Diao has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For 23 years, Dietitian Benita L. Law-Diao has been employed at the New York State Department of Health; in this capacity, she has worked for numerous programs promoting good health and for more than 20 Upstate New York county health departments; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Benita L. Law-Diao has worked for the Hunger

Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP), and more than 2,000 New York State emergency food relief organizations; and

WHEREAS, As an active member of AVillage, Inc., Benita L. Law-Diao helped convert a vacant lot to a beautiful green space called "Our Children's Garden"; she also started the South End Farmers' Market, a youth-entrepreneurial project which helps make farm-fresh produce accessible to both the South End and Mansion Hill residents; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Benita L. Law-Diao has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Benita L. Law-Diao has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Benita L. Law-Diao, a passionate advocate for the health of the residents of the South End community, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by AVillage, Inc. on February 21, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benita L. Law-Diao.