

## 2015-J893

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bhawin Suchak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Carol S. Knox Award by the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union

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, Bhawin Suchak has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bhawin Suchak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Carol S. Knox Award by the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union which was celebrated at its Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at the Polish Community Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Bhawin Suchak received this auspicious award for his work producing the documentary "The Throwaways," a movie which highlights the plight of recently released prisoners; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union educates the public about current civil liberties issues, responds to requests for legal assistance, and advocates for and against local legislation with civil liberties components; and

WHEREAS, Bhawin Suchak is the founder and program director of Youth FX, a summer filmmaking program for teenagers based at Grand Street Community Arts in Albany's Mansion Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, For the past 15 years, Bhawin Suchak has been a media arts teacher and Co-Director at the Albany Free School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Bhawin Suchak has worked in youth programs in

digital film production and multimedia at Albany High School, Albany Public Library, Sanctuary for Independent Media, and the New York State Museum; and

WHEREAS, Bhawin Suchak has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Bhawin Suchak 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 Bhawin Suchak has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bhawin Suchak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Carol S. Knox Award by the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bhawin Suchak.