

## 2015-J1088

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending M. Tracey Brooks, Esq. for her years of distinguished service as President/CEO of Family Planning Advocates of New York State and Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend M. Tracey Brooks, Esq. for her years of distinguished service as President/CEO of Family Planning Advocates of New York State and Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York, to be celebrated with a dinner held in her honor, on Thursday, March 26, 2015, in The Albany Room, at the Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, M. Tracey Brooks received her bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1992 from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York, prior to earning her Juris Doctor degree from the Albany Law School of Union University in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from law school, M. Tracey Brooks practiced in both the public and private sectors; she also held the esteemed position of Counsel to the New York State Assembly Judiciary and Codes Committees; and

WHEREAS, From 1998-2002, M. Tracey Brooks served in the litigation department of Hinman Straub where she was responsible for a wide range of legal and policy-related issues; and

WHEREAS, M. Tracey Brooks served as the Regional Director for then-Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, ably assisting her in her work with government, political, and community leaders within 15 counties in

Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, She then went on to serve as both President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Family Planning Advocates of New York State (FPA); she led this statewide coalition representing more than 125 civic, labor, religious, health, and human service agencies promoting access to and affordability of comprehensive reproductive health care services for women and families statewide; and

WHEREAS, As President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York, M. Tracey Brooks was responsible for directing the political and advocacy arm of Planned Parenthood; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her numerous titles, M. Tracey Brooks is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tech Valley High School Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, M. Tracey Brooks served Family Planning Advocates of New York State and Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of her position; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked, M. Tracey Brooks will be remembered for her honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which M. Tracey Brooks has displayed throughout her professional career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend M. Tracey Brooks, Esq. for her years of distinguished service as President/CEO of Family Planning Advocates of New York State and Planned

Parenthood Advocates of New York, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to M. Tracey Brooks, Esq.