

## 2015-K305

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Domestic Violence Program of The Family Counseling Center upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition for 33 years of distinguished service to the citizens of Fulton County

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commend the Domestic Violence Program of The Family Counseling Center upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition for 33 years of distinguished service to the citizens of Fulton County, to be celebrated on Monday, April 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The private, non-profit organization, The Family Counseling Center has served the interests of the people of the Empire State by providing direct services to survivors of domestic violence and their children for over 33 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, The Family Counseling Center established the Domestic Violence Program, which is comprised of various agencies and organizations within social services; today, the program employs six full-time staff and five part-time trained employees; and

WHEREAS, Currently, The Family Counseling Center is the only agency in Fulton County which is certified by the New York State Office of Children and Family Service to provide direct services to survivors of domestic violence and their children; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Domestic Violence Program is to reduce the

incidents of Domestic Violence through the provision of comprehensive services to victims and by increasing public awareness of Domestic Violence through public speaking and the media; and

WHEREAS, The Domestic Violence Program's goal is to educate, empower, and assist survivors of domestic violence toward regaining control of their lives, and move towards a positive future; and

WHEREAS, The Domestic Violence Program established a Domestic Violence Hotline which allows victims direct access to help from the professionals at The Family Counseling Center; and

WHEREAS, The staff of The Domestic Violence Program also attempt to prevent future violence through comprehensive prevention education, presentation, and trainings in coordination with the Fulton County Domestic Violence Task Force; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to all of the individuals, past and present, who have diligently worked on behalf of this vital organization; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when associations 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 commend the Domestic Violence Program of The Family Counseling Center upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Domestic Violence Program of The Family Counseling Center.