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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Creative Arts Therapy for being an integral part of the Department of Psychiatry at Jamaica Hospital for nearly 20 years

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations which provide vital mental health services to individuals and their families, and in doing so, enhance the health and welfare of the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Creative Arts Therapy for being an integral part of the Department of Psychiatry at Jamaica Hospital for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Creative Arts Therapy is a therapeutic method that uses active engagement in the arts to address mental, emotional, developmental, and behavioral disorders; this therapeutic option uses the relationship between the patient and therapist in the context of the artistic process as a dynamic force for change; and

WHEREAS, This vital program has proven to be a successful treatment in alleviating and stabilizing symptoms relating to mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Creative Arts Therapy consists of three full-time therapists, four post-graduate externs working toward their New York State licensure, and interns who rotate through the department as part of their Master's program at either the School of Visual Arts, New York City, New York University, New York City, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, or Long Island University Post, Brookville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Creative Arts therapists provide both individual and group psychotherapy to patients at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center's Psychiatric Department, including the emergency room, EOB, Psych 2, and Psych 3; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their clinical duties, Creative Arts therapists are faculty members who are responsible for educating psychiatry residents, medical students, and psychology summer interns; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pride in commending Chairman of Psychiatry, Dr. Seeth Vivek; Vice President of Psychiatry, Tony Maffia; and Michelle Hololob, Heather Grey, and Michael Hinck, as well as all of the individuals, past and present, who have diligently worked on behalf of this vital organization; and

WHEREAS, Organizations such as Creative Arts Therapy, which bring greater awareness to mental health issues, and assist people with mental illnesses in their quest for dignity and independence, profoundly enhance the quality of life for all citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Creative Arts Therapy for being an integral part of the Department of Psychiatry at Jamaica Hospital for nearly 20 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Chairman of Psychiatry, Dr. Seeth Vivek, Creative Arts Therapy, part of the Department of Psychiatry at Jamaica Hospital.