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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Housing Visions, on May 7, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Housing Visions, to be celebrated on Thursday, May 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Housing Visions was formed by a task force of dedicated citizens who were focused on making a positive change in the greater East Genesee Street neighborhood within the city of Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Two years later, Housing Visions finished its first neighborhood revitalization project on Syracuse's east side by utilizing low income housing tax credits; and

WHEREAS, Soon after, Housing Visions expanded; this vital organization began serving the residents of the north side of Syracuse in 1996, and then the city's south side in 2004; and

WHEREAS, To date, the Syracuse neighborhood revitalization projects have consisted of 16 low-income housing tax credit projects, including several large houses and historic buildings; the most recently planned project is VanKeuren Square, which will offer 50 housing units reserved for veterans through the Syracuse VA Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Housing Visions formed a separate not-for-profit affiliate called Housing Visions Construction Company to help increase

the availability of quality housing to low and moderate-income residents; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Housing Visions established another charitable partner, Visions For Change, which focuses on the mission of eliminating poverty through education, resource building, and partnerships to further secure lasting change in the neighborhoods it serves; and

WHEREAS, Today, Housing Visions, under the leadership of President/CEO Kenyon Craig, continues to remain committed to neighborhood revitalization in numerous ways, including providing direction to new and existing projects, serving as a full construction company, and by offering friendly customer service to each family through a range of activities, such as leasing, rent collection and compliance; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Housing Visions, on May 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenyon Craig, President and CEO, Housing Visions.