

## 2015-J1839

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Johanna Baniak upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Albany County Executive's 2015 Volunteer Award on April 20, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Johanna Baniak upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Albany County Executive's 2015 Volunteer Award which was celebrated on Monday, April 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive's Volunteer Award recognizes outstanding residents who selflessly give of themselves for others, and demonstrate an exceptional commitment to service, helping to make the community a better place to live; Johanna Baniak is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, For the past 13 years, Johanna Baniak of Watervliet, New York, has been a dedicated volunteer at the Stratton VA Medical Center; she has played a vital role in organizing fundraisers and coordinating recreational activities for veterans; and

WHEREAS, A modest individual, Johanna Baniak is extremely passionate about helping others; throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, she has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Johanna Baniak has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Johanna Baniak upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Albany County Executive's 2015 Volunteer Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Johanna Baniak.