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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 130th Anniversary of WCA Hospital of Jamestown, New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge certain exemplary organizations that continue to provide superior services and support for residents, and through their work, have become a beacon of hope, opportunity and prosperity within the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of WCA Hospital in Jamestown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1885, the Women's Christian Association of New York began as both a boarding house for young working women and a one-room hospital for its residents and other sick or injured persons; and

WHEREAS, Today, WCA Hospital of Jamestown is Southwestern New York's largest not-for-profit healthcare provider, offering an extensive range of inpatient and outpatient acute and rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS, The mission of WCA Hospital is to improve the health and well-being of the people of Chautauqua County and the surrounding area in a way that includes compassion, dedication, a commitment to quality and patient safety, while maintaining economic viability and a vision for the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, WCA Hospital is a major contributor to the region's economic success, with over 1,300 residents making up the organization's employees, physicians and volunteers; total annual economic impact from the hospital reaches \$196,719,000, and the hospital reinvests more than \$5,278,671 into its facilities, equipment and technology; the hospital generates more than \$2 of economic return for every \$1 it spends; and

WHEREAS, Among its historic accomplishments, the hospital received the

CEO Cancer Gold Standard Employer, recognizing its commitment to take action reducing the cancer risk for families and employees through screenings; WCA was the first hospital in the Southern Tier to perform a new angioplasty procedure that treats peripheral artery disease using a drug-coated balloon reopening clogged arteries; in 2014, WCA's clinical laboratory retained the Gold Seal of Approval by the Joint Commission; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Betsy Wright, President/CEO, the hospital has a daily impact on residents of the region as it assists those in need and welcomes new lives into the world; last year, a total of 7,125 people had inpatient stays, 35,770 people visited the emergency room, 274,136 people received outpatient procedures, and 699 newborns were birthed at WCA; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those organizations that have achieved notable success and have contributed to the betterment of the residents of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of WCA Hospital in Jamestown, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Betsy Wright, President/CEO, WCA Hospital.