

## 2015-J2693

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Jewish Learning Network

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in New York State is greatly enriched by its religious institutions and the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith, and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend organizations of such magnanimous conduct and bearing which demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Jewish Learning Network; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish Learning Network (JNet) was established in 2005 by Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch to fill the need for a more personal, fulfilling and convenient way for the Jewish community to connect to their heritage; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization provides business people, students and homemakers the opportunity to take some time out of their busy work week to study Torah, from the weekly Parsha to the technical intricacies of Jewish Law, the stimulating logical analysis of the Talmud to the spirituality and meaning of Chassidus and the Kabbalah; and

WHEREAS, With the aim of making personalized Torah learning available to everyone, everywhere, at every level, JNet matches its dedicated volunteers with chavrusas, a traditional rabbinic approach to Talmudic study in which a pair of students analyze, discuss, and debate a shared text; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Rabbi Yehuda Dukes, JNet has

grown tremendously to include thousands of chavrusas, and has expanded to online courses, learning campaigns, and a "JNet en Espanol" branch which has more than 220 chavrusas learning Spanish each week; and WHEREAS, Religious organizations, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Jewish Learning Network is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Jewish Learning Network; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded 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 10th Anniversary of the Jewish Learning Network; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Yehuda Dukes, the Jewish Learning Network, Brooklyn, New York.