

## 2015-J4058

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Joy Griffith for her many years of service and dedication to the Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, Inc. on May 5, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joy Griffith for her many years of service and dedication to the Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, Inc. to be celebrated at Community Maternity Services' 1st Annual Celebration of Life on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at Brown's Revolution Hall, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Community Maternity Services, an agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, was founded in 1971, as a single residential program providing services to pregnant adolescents; and

WHEREAS, Community Maternity Services now provides a continuum of services including: care for pregnant and parenting adolescents and their families, group residence and family care for children, prevention services and support for families at risk, adoption services, foster care services, and respite services; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization is proud to recognize Joy Griffith, Executive Director of Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, Inc. for partnering with Community Maternity Services to help improve the lives of the children and families its serves; and

WHEREAS, The Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization in New York State which provides funds to commu-

nity based agencies located in high need areas across New York State to serve low income expectant and new parents; and

WHEREAS, Under Joy Griffith's luminous leadership, the Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, Inc. strives to ensure a safe and healthy birth of the child and the well-being of the mother by supporting and promoting services to those pregnant and parenting women and their families who are most in need; and

WHEREAS, Since the Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, Inc. began in 1983, grants have been awarded to over 130 agencies across the state, and thousands of young families have received critical services at a most important time, the birth of a child; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the year, Joy Griffith has proudly touched the lives of countless young mothers and children throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Joy Griffith for her many years of service and dedication to the Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, Inc. (MECF) on May 5, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joy Griffith.