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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alan Hertel upon the occasion of his retirement after eight years of distinguished service to the United Way of Broome County

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alan Hertel upon the occasion of his retirement after eight years of distinguished service to the United Way of Broome County to be celebrated at its Open House held on Thursday, March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, For the past eight years, Alan Hertel has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the United Way of Broome County (UWBC) and the entire Southern Tier community; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping others, Alan Hertel guided "The First Call of Help" in becoming an official 2-1-1 call center across five counties with 24/7 service year-round; he was also directly involved in establishing 2-1-1's integral role as an essential intake service in the Medicaid Reform Process; and

WHEREAS, As Executive Director, this esteemed man was heavily involved in coordinating the response for donations after the shooting at the American Civic Association in 2009, and managed the community response to the 2011 flood after UWBC was officially designated as the lead agency for donations by Broome County; and

WHEREAS, During Alan Hertel's illustrious tenure, UWBC received state grant funding and subsequently created a regional volunteer center covering an eight county area; UWBC was also identified as the lead organization for state funding directed at antipoverty programming; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Alan Hertel provided oversight for a comprehensive strategic planning process within UWBC, and revised its by-laws to comply with current Non-Profit Revitalization Act laws; he also spearheaded efforts which led to a major grant from the Klee Foundation to develop and operate the Healthy Lifestyles Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Alan Hertel helped drive the process for a transformation to Community Impact at UWBC, establishing a foundation which will drive the organization forward; and

WHEREAS, Alan Hertel has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he served as a member of the United Way of New York State Board from 2012 to 2015, and was named by Governor Patterson to serve on the SUNY Upstate Medical University Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Alan Hertel was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; he has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; 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 honor Alan Hertel upon the occasion of his retirement after eight years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alan Hertel.