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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those organizations that work to serve the health care needs of citizens 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc. to be celebrated at its Spring Membership Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc. (CLMHD) is comprised of Directors of Community Services (DCSs) and Mental Health Commissioners in all 57 counties and the Department of Mental Hygiene for the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, CLMHD advances state and local policies, practices, laws, regulation and funding for the purpose of ensuring comprehensive, integrated and cost-effective system of care to meet the needs of those persons, and their families, affected by mental illness, developmental disability and/or chemical dependency; and

WHEREAS, Directors and Commissioners advocate at the state and local level for services and resources needed to meet the Mental Hygiene Law mandate that the Local Governmental Unit (LGU) assure that there is access to needed services; and

WHEREAS, Directors and Commissioners develop and oversee comprehensive, integrated and cost-effective systems of care locally while working in partnership with the New York State mental hygiene agencies, comprised of the Office of Mental Health (OMH), the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and the Office for People with

Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD); and

WHEREAS, Directors and Commissioners, in accordance with Mental Hygiene Law, engage in annual local services planning, quality improvement and programmatic and fiscal oversight activities required to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, While the three disability agencies are separate at the State level, they are integrated at the local level through the LGU; and

WHEREAS, The LGU is embedded in the community and Directors and Commissioners have and maintain partnerships with a diverse group to connect the pieces of the local system including mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability service providers; peers, families and youth, State operated psychiatric centers (PCs) and addiction treatment centers (ATCs); Social Service (DSS) and Public Health Departments; Housing and shelter services; Criminal Justice (prisons, jails, probation/parole, police, sheriffs, family and criminal courts); Hospitals (Emergency Departments and CPEPs) and primary care and providers; and

WHEREAS, Directors and Commissioners fulfill their mission which is to advocate, plan, mentor and protect individuals and families dealing with mental health, substance use, alcohol and/or development needs in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc.