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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of New York Chiropractic College's Seneca Falls Campus

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in higher education for the people of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of New York Chiropractic College's Seneca Falls Campus to be celebrated at its Homecoming Banquet on Saturday, September 24th, 2016 at Ventosa Vineyards, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, New York Chiropractic College (NYCC) was founded in 1919, as the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic by Dr. Frank Dean, who served as the institution's first president for nearly 40 years; located in New York City, the College grew through mergers with Columbia College of Chiropractic and Atlantic States Chiropractic Institute during the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Dr. Ernest Napolitano was named President, and under his leadership NYCC achieved national prominence; in 1979, the College was granted an Absolute Charter by the New York State Board of Regents and received professional accreditation of its Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree program from the Council on Chiropractic Education; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, NYCC was awarded regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; in addition, during the early 1980s, the College moved from New York City to Long Island, opening a 50-acre campus in Old Brookville, and clinics in Greenvale and Levittown; and

WHEREAS, NYCC acquired the former Eisenhower College campus in Seneca

Falls, New York in 1989; shortly thereafter, Dr. Kenneth W. Padgett was appointed president and led the effort to move the college 300 miles north, opening its new location in 1991; and

WHEREAS, NYCC's new campus, in the Finger Lakes Region of Central New York State, was a 286-acre site on which were existing academic, administrative, library, athletic center, and residence hall facilities; and

WHEREAS, During this time, the hiring of many new faculty and renovations to the facility transformed a former liberal arts college into one of the profession's leading chiropractic educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Expansion of NYCC's educational facilities has been ongoing since the relocation of the College to Seneca Falls; the Ernest G. Napolitano Postgraduate Center opened in 1992; this 5,000 square-foot annex adjoins the Levittown Chiropractic Health Center, and provides a home for the College's active postgraduate and continuing education programs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 1994, NYCC's third chiropractic health center was opened in Western New York, near Buffalo, and a new 9,300 square-foot academic building was constructed on the Seneca Falls campus to provide additional classroom and laboratory space; today, this building serves as a research center; and

WHEREAS, A new 38,000 square-foot academic building was completed on the Seneca Falls campus in 1998; this facility contains lecture halls equipped with advanced instructional technology, as well as faculty offices, and faculty and student lounges; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Dr. Frank Nicchi, a 1978 alumnus and longtime faculty member, was appointed President of NYCC, and two years later, the College spearheaded a strategic planning process overseen by the newly

formed Division of Institutional Quality and Assessment; that same year, NYCC's Post-Graduate Department enhanced its excellent traditional curriculum by offering courses online; and

WHEREAS, The main administration building on the NYCC campus was named after former college president, Kenneth W. Padgett in 2006, during which time the College continued to expand its outreach programs and establish clinical relationships with the Veteran's Association Medical Center in Canandaigua, and the Veteran's Association Medical Center in Bath; additional valuable clinical relationships were established in 2007 with SUNY Stony Brook, SUNY Farmingdale, and St. John Fisher University; and WHEREAS, NYCC President, Frank J. Nicchi, DC, MS, assumed the Presidency of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges in 2009; that same year, the College was the only national educational institution to be selected to receive a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award site visit; and

WHEREAS, This vital institution was also recognized by G.I. Jobs as a Military Friendly School, and by The Chronicle of Higher Education as a "Great College to Work For", an award it has earned for seven consecutive years in addition to appearing on the Chronicle of Higher Education's Honor Roll for six of those seven years; and

WHEREAS, NYCC established the first ever chiropractic residency in a Veterans Administration hospital; success of this pilot program led to the establishment of five residency sites in VA hospitals across the the country; the College now serves as an academic affiliate for two of these sites; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, NYCC opened the Rochester Health Center in Henrietta, providing chiropractic, acupuncture and Oriental medicine, and nutritional conseling services to the citizens of Monroe County and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the visionary guidance of President Frank J. Nicchi, DC, MS, New York Chiropractic College stands proud and prominent, always looking to the future and the needs of those it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of New York Chiropractic College's

Seneca Falls Campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Frank J. Nicchi, DC, MS, New York Chiropractic College.