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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending embraceWNY upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Buffalo Brunch, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on April 24, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the profound impact of those exemplary organizations and individuals within the great State of New York which proactively work for the enfranchisement of minority communities, and the importance of such work for the benefit of all citizens of this State, and indeed, all citizens of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend embraceWNY upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Buffalo Brunch, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 24, 2016, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant in Depew, New York, with Anthony Chase acting as Master of Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Originally sponsored by the Empire State Pride Agenda, the Buffalo Brunch has been hosted by embraceWNY since 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Brunch is an annual event which honors individuals, groups, organizations, and businesses within the LGBT community of Western New York; the recipients of this year's Community Services Awards include David A. Rivera, Michael Rizzo and the members of the Queen City Softball League and the Cleveland Heights Christian Church, all of whom have played a sincere and substantial role as community leaders who have continuously cast a positive impact on their community and displayed an unbridled enthusiasm in all their civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President, Jeffrey Platt, embraceWNY is a local, non-profit organization comprised of both gay and straight members of the Western New York region; this vital association

strives to educate and support those working toward equality for all New York State residents and to strengthen local groups and organizations which are working toward the full acceptance of the LGBT community; and WHEREAS, Through various fundraising efforts, embraceWNY supports community grants, sponsorships, and scholarships throughout Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of those organizations and individuals who unite for the cause of improving the quality of life for others, and who proactively work toward the goal of dignity for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend embraceWNY upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Buffalo Brunch, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on April 24, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees, and Jeffrey Platt, President, embraceWNY.