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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kathleen Tatiana Keely Braico, MD FAAP upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Liberty Bell Award by the Warren County Bar Association on May 5, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the medical field who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in 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 Dr. Kathleen Braico upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Liberty Bell Award by the Warren County Bar Association to be celebrated on Thursday, May 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell Award, given each year by local bar associations, honors exemplary citizens within the local community; the award recognizes outstanding service performed by a non-lawyer citizen who volunteers their time and efforts to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Such service may include activities which promote a better understanding of America's form of government, stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Kathleen Braico earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton; four years later, she received her Doctor of Medicine from SUNY Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Between 1974 and 1977, Dr. Kathleen Braico completed her internship in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo, her residency in Pediatrics, and a Teaching Fellowship; in addition, she served as the Chief Resident in the Outpatient Department from

1977-1978; and

WHEREAS, A Board Certified Pediatrician, Dr. Kathleen Braico is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a member of the AAP Section on International Child Health and the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Kathleen Braico is certified in Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Advanced Cardiac Life Support; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kathleen Braico began her distinguished medical career as an Attending Physician at Glens Falls Hospital, a title she held from 1978-2011; today, she continues to serve as the Hospital's Honorary Physician, and is a member of the Glens Falls Hospital Pediatric Emergency Response Team for disaster planning; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Dr. Kathleen Braico also co-founded Adirondack Pediatrics, P.C., a general pediatric practice in upstate New York, a position from which she retired in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, Dr. Kathleen Braico has served as the Medical Director of Double H Ranch, a Paul Newman Serious Fun Children's Network Camp for children with serious illnesses in Lake Luzerne, New York; and

WHEREAS, For almost 20 years, this dedicated physician has made annual medical missions to Guatemala; in 2010 and 2012 she also provided imperative medical care to citizens of Haiti, as well as Jamaica in 2012; and

WHEREAS, From 2006-2008, Dr. Kathleen Braico held the position of Medical Consultant to the Association of Hole in the Wall (HITW) Camps (now SCFN), and instructed courses in Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) and Essential Care for Every Baby (ECEB) at Kumudini Hospital and Women's Medical College, Mirzapur, Bangladesh, in January of 2015; and

WHEREAS, For numerous years, Dr. Kathleen Braico has provided her skills and talents to numerous medical students; she mentored 3rd year medical students during their outpatient pediatric rotation at Albany Medical College, Albany, New York, and was a Regional Instructor for

Neonatal Resuscitation from 1989-2016; and

WHEREAS, Today, she continues to serve as an Instructor for Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and a mentor for (HBB) and (ECEB); she also taught these essential pediatric courses to providers and instructors in Guatemala, Hand Up for Haiti personnel, and to staff at Kumudini Hospital, Bangladesh; and

WHEREAS, Well-spoken and respected, Dr. Kathleen Braico has shared her experiences and knowledge with her peers at HITW Camps medical conferences in September of 2002, and January of 2005 and 2007; she also planned and coordinated these conferences in January of 2007 and April of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, in 1998, Dr. Kathleen Braico co-presented the Humor Conference, consulted in the development of the Jordan River Village, a HITW Camp in Israel in 2004 and 2011, gave the 2005 Commencement Address at Adirondack Community College, and spoke about Medical and Physiological Effects of Eating Disorders in 2006; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished author, Dr. Kathleen Braico has written numerous publications on various subjects such as LAETRILE INTOXICATION, REPORT OF A FATAL CASE, FATAL CYANIDE POISONING: ACCIDENTAL INGESTION OF AMYGDALIN, MEGOCODE GUATEMALA, SISTER IRMA, and A SMALL BEGINNING, A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE; and

WHEREAS, For her outstanding medical work in not only New York State, but the world, Dr. Kathleen Braico has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 1998 Humor Conference "Humor in Action" Award for her devoted work at Double H Ranch, the 2002 Gem of a Doc Award from the Warren County Medical Society, the 2004 Citizen of the Year Award by Rotary Club, 2006 Excellence in the Field of Education Award by the South American Spanish Association of Albany, New York, and the 2006 Women of Distinction Award by the Girl Scouts of the Adirondack Council, as well as the 2010 Ruby Award by Soroptomists Club Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, A true philanthropist, Dr. Kathleen Braico was a member of

the Board of Directors Community Workshop, Inc., and the Glens Falls Medical Mission, Project Guatemala, where she also served as President; from 1997-1999, she was the President BOD of Community Workshop, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Dr. Kathleen Braico has participated on the

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Amorak Youth Services Board of Directors and holds the position of Recording Secretary; for the last five years, she has been an active volunteer of the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her loving husband, her two devoted children, and her two treasured grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, When Dr. Kathleen Braico is not working or assisting someone, she enjoys practicing Aikido and yoga, and loves outdoor recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable woman has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in her profession, Dr. Kathleen Braico has proven herself to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of

the citizens of the State of New York, and to people across the globe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathleen Tatiana Keely Braico, MD FAAP upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Liberty Bell Award by the Warren County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen Tatiana Keely Braico, MD FAAP.