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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending William T. Gettman, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of distinguished service to Saint Catherine's Center for Children on June 20, 2016

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend William T. Gettman, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of distinguished service to Saint Catherine's Center for Children to be celebrated at its Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Saint Catherine's Center for Children in Albany, New York, provides a comprehensive range of human services designed to offer hope, foster growth, and improve the lives of the children and families; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2012, William T. Gettman, Jr. became Executive Director of Saint Catherine's Center for Children; his tenure marked a period of growth as he guided Saint Catherine's through an agency-wide transformation in the planning, implementation, and delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, Under William T. Gettman, Jr.'s luminous leadership, Saint Catherine's witnessed an expansion in homeless services, a renewed emphasis on residential and foster care services, implementation of new community-based programs, and greater collaboration with funding sources and peer organizations; and

WHEREAS, William T. Gettman, Jr. also placed a renewed emphasis on engaging community volunteers in activities to benefit children; his Makeovers for Kids program encouraged community groups to plan unique

and colorful bedroom renovations for children living in Saint Catherine's residential programs, and his Mrs. Doubtfire initiative recruited volunteers to mentor residential children; and

WHEREAS, Previously, William T. Gettman, Jr. served as the Executive Deputy Commissioner/Chief Operating Officer for the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); he has also held leadership positions for private and public sector organizations focused on providing child welfare services and programs, including MAXIMUS, the New York State Child Support Processing Center (formerly Lockheed Martin IMS), the New York State Department of Social Services and UNISYS Corporation; and WHEREAS, On July 18, 2016, William T. Gettman, Jr. will take over as the new Chief Executive Officer of Northern Rivers Family of Services, Albany, New York; he will oversee the construction and development of care systems, provide strategic guidance and ensure that the organization is poised now and in the future to provide both traditional and innovative services throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, William T. Gettman, Jr. rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Saint Catherine's Center for Children; he credits its staff, board of directors, and its many community supporters and volunteers for the agency's progress; and

WHEREAS, William T. Gettman, Jr. has served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems, which earned him 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 commend William T. Gettman, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for

special recognition after many years of distinguished service to Saint Catherine's Center for Children on June 20, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William T. Gettman, Jr.