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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kathy Cartagena upon the occasion of her retirement after 23 years of distinguished service to Family of New Paltz

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathy Cartagena upon the occasion of her retirement after 23 years of distinguished service to Family of New Paltz; she officially retired from the esteemed position of Director on Friday, May 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Director, Kathy Cartagena served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Kathy Cartagena, Family of New Paltz primarily functions as a crisis intervention center and provides emergency short-term counseling, information and referral, case management, emergency food, and access to Adult Case Management, Adolescent, Domestic Violence, Childcare and Emergency Housing Services; and

WHEREAS, In addition, under the able leadership of Kathy Cartagena, this vital organization offers additional services including: a food pantry; free store with clothing, furniture and household items; public rest room; community bulletin board for employment opportunities, available housing, messages, workshops, classes and seminars; free public telephone for local calls and long distance in emergencies; client advocacy; work-study and internships; court mandated community service; and

a meeting place for other community services; and

WHEREAS, Prior to moving to New Paltz, Kathy Cartagena lived in the Bronx and owned and operated a wholesale and retail record store where she sold Latin music for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community she so ably serves, Kathy Cartagena is a member of the Regatta Committee and the Affordable Housing Committee; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, Robert, whom feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, For the past 23 years, Kathy Cartagena rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Family of New Paltz, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Kathy Cartagena over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathy Cartagena upon the occasion of her retirement after 23 years of distinguished service to Family of New Paltz; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathy Cartagena.