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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kelly Anderson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Organization on May 6, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Anderson has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kelly Anderson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Organization celebrated at its Elegant Evening to Remember Gala on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Depew, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Mt. Mercy High School in Buffalo, New York, Kelly Anderson earned her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Brockport; she currently holds the position of Peer Review Coordinator at Catholic Health System; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Anderson has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and for the last 15 years, she has given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, after Kelly Anderson and her husband tragically lost their son, Michael, she began working with the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Organization (WNY PBN), helping families deal with the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillborn or early infant death; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Kelly Anderson has been instrumental in organizing several events such as the Annual Walk to Remember and the

Elegant Evening to Remember, helping to raise funds and awareness for WNYPBN programs; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with WNYPBN, Kelly Anderson has assisted with RTG for a Cure since 2011; this vital organization raises funds each year to help support pediatric cancer initiatives; in 2012, she shaved her head to help support Carly's Club; and

WHEREAS, A truly compassionate woman, Kelly Anderson graciously volunteers her services to the Cuddler Program at Sisters of Charity Hospital, at Vive, the City Mission, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Friends of the Night, and the Butterfly Moon Organization which helps raise funds to support local hospitals in their perinatal bereavement programs; and

WHEREAS, A faithful member of St. Ambrose Parish, Kelly Anderson serves as a pre-baptismal coordinator; she and her family have also hosted an exchange student from the Ukraine through the FLEX program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Kelly Anderson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Michael, and her daughter Mia, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Kelly Anderson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient

of the Community Service Award by the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Organization on May 6, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kelly Anderson.