

## 2023-J567

Senate Resolution No. 567

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of The LOFT  
LGBTQ+ Community Center of White Plains, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the profound impact of those exemplary organizations/individuals within the great State of New York which/who 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center of White Plains, New York, to be celebrated on Thursday, March 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The LOFT was founded in 1983 and is currently located at 252 Bryant Ave, White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) people have made important and lasting contributions to our great State and Nation in every field of endeavor including business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture that enrich our national life; and

WHEREAS, The LOFT works daily to provide a range of services for the LGBTQ+ Community in Westchester County, NY, and the Lower Hudson Valley Region; and

WHEREAS, The LOFT offers both in-person, virtual, and hybrid

services, support groups, social activities, and special events like Westchester Pride, The Hudson Valley Trans Forum, and runs The Trans Support of The Hudson Valley (TSHV), a program designed to assist and empower the transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary (TGNCNB) Communities across the lower Hudson Valley region; and

WHEREAS, The mission of this illustrious organization is to further the cause of inclusion, diversity, and pride through education, advocacy, and celebration; and

WHEREAS, Respect, inclusivity, opportunity, and integrity comprise the core values of The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center; the Center provides a safe space in which everyone is respected, supported, and valued, ensuring an inclusive and affirming environment which reflects the diversity of the identities found in the surrounding community and State; and

WHEREAS, The LOFT is a forceful advocate for justice and positive, progressive change for all LGBTQ+ people, fostering awareness of issues which affect all members of the community, working consistently to be responsive to their needs; and

WHEREAS, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center of White Plains, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center of White Plains, New York.