

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Wyandanch Day Care Center, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on March 1, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Organizations which seek to enhance the education of our youngest students help to provide children a solid knowledge base upon which to build their future studies; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Wyandanch Day Care Center, Inc. upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary to be celebrated on Sunday, March 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, In April 1967, sixteen Wyandanch residents were retained as staff members of the Community Action Center, all of whom had young children who were in need of day care; however, at that time, there were no affordable options available to them; and

WHEREAS, The concerned group of parents came together and formed "The Mother's Club," and took direct action toward a solution by formally presenting their problem to the Board of Education of the Wyandanch Public Schools and requesting that it provide suitable space to house the children involved; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education acceded to this request and a classroom in the Straight Path School was set aside for use by The Mother's Club to provide day care for the children; and

WHEREAS, By July, many more community mothers had begun to request that their children be allowed to participate in this wonderful program; The Mother's Club recognized that there was a great need in the Wyandanch community for a regular Day Care Center and planning began to make this a reality; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, The Mother's Club was servicing approximately 35 children in the Day Care Program, necessitating a move from the Straight Path classroom to an empty building of the Wyandanch School District on the grounds of its Milton L. Olive School; unfortunately, this building did not meet the standard requirements of the New York State Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Realizing the impending crisis, The Mother's Club took the necessary steps to seek incorporation status in order to embark on a path to create a viable Day Care Center in Wyandanch; the Wyandanch Day Care Center Fund, Inc. was incorporated in the State of New York in July 1969; and

WHEREAS, Forty years later, children, aged six weeks to 12-years-old, continue to discover the spirit of learning at Wyandanch Day Care Center, Inc., where each child's unique strength and learning style is respected; and

WHEREAS, The Center's trained teachers develop each child's potential through an enriched curriculum that is multi-cultural, multi-sensory and includes touching, smelling, seeing, feeling, tasting, hearing and loving; and

WHEREAS, While manners, kindness, and mutual respect permeate the Center, the entire curriculum experience promotes self-help skills, physical development, listening skills, health and safety, social and emotional growth, cultural sensitivity, as well as motor and cognitive development; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, the Wyandanch Day Care Center, Inc. has offered children the opportunity to enhance their quality of life by providing them with a safe, supportive atmosphere while

participating in recreational and educational activities; and

WHEREAS, The children of today are the citizens and leaders of tomorrow; their health, well-being and development are of paramount import to the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that this Legislative Body extend its highest commendation to the administration, teachers, staff and parents, both past and present, of the Wyandanch Day Care Center, Inc., for their dedication and commitment to the children, school and community in the creation of a better world for the children of tomorrow; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Wyandanch Day Care Center, Inc. upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wyandanch Day Care Center, Inc.