

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Darcie Miller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Service Award by the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Darcie Miller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Service Award by the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Council's 27th Annual Service Awards Soiree, to be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at F.E.A.S.T. at Round Hill in Washingtonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Darcie Miller, LCSW-R (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), is the Commissioner of the Orange County Department of Mental Health; prior to her appointment in March 2012, she served as the Department's Deputy Commissioner for seven years and has been part of Orange County's mental health team for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 7,000 Orange County residents with a mental illness, developmental disability, or substance abuse problems are served by the Department of Mental Health each day; the Department coordinates programs with numerous private and not-for-profit partners in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, As Commissioner of the Orange County Department of Mental Health, Darcie Miller oversees the County's planning, development and coordination of services in the fields of mental health, developmental disabilities and chemical dependency; she is passionate about infusing the system of care with trauma informed, culturally competent, and recovery orientated values, and practices; and

WHEREAS, Darcie Miller has had administrative responsibility for leading the development and assisting in facilitating a Sex Offender Community Management Task Force, Orange County Middletown Court Connection Project, serving as the Principal Investigator for the Children's Mental Health Initiative System of Care, Mental Health Juvenile Justice Projects, and participating in bringing evidence based initiatives to Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Serving on many local and statewide committees, Darcie Miller is a member of the multi-disciplinary Orange County team which focuses on youth needs in the community, as well as on the SUNY Orange Advisory Committee, the Medical Reserve Corp, and the Cultural Equity Task Force; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Darcie Miller is a member of "Team Orange" and has become Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certified, implementing efficient, cost effective, and exemplary government practice; she was recently elected Treasurer of the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Darcie Miller received her Masters in Social Work and her Bachelors of Science degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Darcie Miller and her husband James Ferraro are parents to his son, Matthew, and their daughter, Angelina, and son, Anthony, with whom they enjoy camping and spending time outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and communi-

ty service, a period of constructive involvement, Darcie Miller has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Darcie Miller has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Darcie Miller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2013 Service Award by the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Darcie Miller.