

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring J. Brad Herman upon the occasion of his retirement after 19 years of distinguished service to the William George Agency for Children's Services

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor J. Brad Herman upon the occasion of his retirement after 19 years of distinguished service to the William George Agency for Children's Services; and

WHEREAS, After more than 19 years as the executive director and chief executive officer of the William George Agency for Children's Services, Inc. (formerly known as the George Junior Republic), J. Brad Herman is retiring; during his 45 year career, he has provided service, sanctuary and safety to over 10,000 at-risk children in New York; and

WHEREAS, J. Brad Herman established and innovated programs for those with a broad diversity of need and provided leadership in residential and preventative program delivery to those in need in the areas of: juvenile justice system services, mental health hospitalization services, maternity services, mother and child services, developmentally delayed services, multiple handicapped and non-ambulatory services, nursery through grade 12 special education services, alcohol substance abuse services, sexual offender services, and traumatic brain injury services; and

WHEREAS, In addition, J. Brad Herman has served several institutions, including the George Junior Republic Union Free School District, Our Lady of Victory Infant Home, Baker Hall, Randolph Academy and the New York State School for the Blind; and

WHEREAS, J. Brad Herman has served on the board of directors of the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) for 21 years; his efforts have reached beyond the United States when in 1998, the First Lady of Russia, Mrs. Yeltsin, requested that he travel to Russia to assist in the development of substance abuse and vocational programs; and

WHEREAS, In J. Brad Herman's 25 years of leadership of special education programs, he has led the programs at George Junior Republic, Our Lady of Victory Infant Home and Baker Hall; in addition, he founded Our Lady of Victory Pre School Program along with the Falk School at Child and Family Services of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, J. Brad Herman has provided leadership in special education as president of the Coalition of Special Act School Districts in New York; he has mentored the chief executive officers for five agencies, who continue to provide leadership in their fields; and

WHEREAS, For the past 19 years, J. Brad Herman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the William George Agency for Children's Services; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as executive director and chief executive officer, J. Brad Herman served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, J. Brad Herman was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the William George Agency for Children's Services, J. Brad Herman earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor J. Brad Herman upon the occasion of his retirement after 19 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to J. Brad Herman.