

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring WMHT Educational Telecommunications "Ready to Learn" Literary Skills Program upon the occasion of its designation as the recipient of the Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award by the Friends of the Albany Children's Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor WMHT Educational Telecommunications "Ready to Learn" Literary Skills Program upon the occasion of its designation as the recipient of the Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award by the Friends of the Albany Children's Center; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 20th Annual Reception, to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at the New York State Bar Association Great Hall in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, WMHT Educational Telecommunications, located in New York State's Capital Region, is the only full-service public broadcaster serving Eastern New York and Western New England; it operates public television stations WMHT, WMHT-PBS World and WMHT-Create TV, as well as public radio stations WMHT-FM 89.1/WRHV-FM 88.7, WEXT-FM 97.7 and RISE, a radio reading service for the blind and print-disabled; and

WHEREAS, WMHT is supported by more than 30,000 members; and

WHEREAS, The goal of WMHT's Ready to Learn service is to strengthen early literacy skills and prepare children for success in school, as well as encourage adults to watch television and videos with children, use PBS' educationally-sound children's programs and online resources as tools for learning at home, at school and at day care: to reinforce learning anytime, anywhere; and

WHEREAS, Through Ready to Learn workshops, parents and early childhood educators learn how to use activities, books, PBS programs and digital resources to strengthen educational concepts for children; and

WHEREAS, WMHT has worked with early childhood educators and the Touhey Foundation to identify culturally diverse books to be donated to children and families in the City of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the WMHT Educational Telecommunications "Ready to Learn" Literary Skills Program; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor WMHT Educational Telecommunications "Ready to Learn" Literary Skills Program upon the occasion of its designation as the recipient of the Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award by the Friends of the Albany Children's Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to WMHT Educational Telecommunications.