

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carver Community Center, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing significant milestones in the distinguished histories of its esteemed entities; and

WHEREAS, Carver Community Center, Inc., in Schenectady, will celebrate its 75th Anniversary at the Terrace at the Waters Edge Light House on May 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Center was formed in 1938, as the George Washington Carver Welfare League; and

WHEREAS, According to its mission statement, Carver Community Center responds to the varied service needs of individuals and families living in the City and County of Schenectady, and continues to develop new initiatives to meet the ever-changing needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, League member Mrs. Lee Toland encouraged the Schenectady Public School System to sponsor certain activities that later became part of the Center's program; and

WHEREAS, The League incorporated under the name Carver Community Center of Schenectady, Inc. in 1951; and

WHEREAS, The Center moved to its current location at 700 Craig Street in 1970; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Carver Community Health Center was formed; it was later renamed Schenectady Family Health Center and is now known as Home-town Health; and

WHEREAS, A Foster Care Prevention Unit was added to the Family Support Service program in 1990; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Carver was appointed lead agency in the planning and development of the Neighborhood-Based Alliance in the City of Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, This project developed a Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan through the coordinated efforts of public and private agencies, organizations, churches, and residents of the Hamilton Hill and Vale communities; the plan created community-level decision-making bodies to assess needs, develop plans, and guide community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, Carver began a tutorial services program for long-term suspended students of the Schenectady City School District in 1999; and

WHEREAS, An outreach program was added in 2000 to assist the most needy members of the community; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, the Youth Services Program was expanded to include a Gang Prevention initiative; and

WHEREAS, Guido Iovinella was appointed Executive Director in 2009; and

WHEREAS, In November of that year, the Early Childhood Education Program reopened with the help of donations from the Wright, Carleelan, and Troy Foundations; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Carver entered a partnership with Northeast Parent and Child Center which created a Resource Center at the Craig Street site to provide counseling and support to adolescents; and

WHEREAS, Carver Community Center, Inc. has a long and distinguished history of providing valuable services to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carver Community Center, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary, and to compliment the Center and its affiliate programs on its valuable contribution to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Guido Iovinella, Executive Director of the Carver Community

Center, Inc.