

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Women in Need Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 20th Anniversary on June 13, 2013

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 congratulate the Women in Need Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 20th Anniversary; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at the Center's 20th Anniversary Gala; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1993, the Women in Need Center (formerly Rainbow Center, Inc. of New York) is a community-based non-profit organization that advocates for women's rights, providing shelter and social services for Asian women in crisis; and

WHEREAS, The Women in Need Center provides shelter, counseling, legal and medical referral, job counseling and training, and various other services for women and their children facing homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse, and/or domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, The main program of the Women in Need Center features its excellent shelter operations; the Center is the only organization that provides shelter services to both domestic violence survivors and/or homeless women who are provided with daily living necessities and resources as well as professional services in a safe and protected environment; and

WHEREAS, Under the outstanding leadership of its Executive Director, Eun Kyung Kim, the Women in Need Center also participates in human rights advocacy, public education campaigns, translation and interpretation, individual counseling and training, transitional support, volunteer management, meal provision, medical and therapeutic counseling, and assistance in accessing public benefits; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Women in Need Center; 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 congratulate the Women in Need Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 20th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Women in Need Center.