

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Sistas Healing Old Wounds upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Freedom, Unshackled Awards Dinner on June 28, 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 who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Sistas Healing Old Wounds upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Freedom, Unshackled Awards Dinner on Friday, June 28, 2013, at the Creole Restaurant and Music Supper Club in Harlem, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sistas Healing Old Wounds (SHOW), is a statewide organization based in Albany, New York, who work with women housed in State, City and County Correctional Facilities, as well as those women who have re-entered society, and are engaged in services provided by community based organizations; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2011, SHOW is a not for profit organization whose primary mission is to assist women who are in correctional settings, and those integrating back into society, with life-long results; and

WHEREAS, SHOW aims to serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding women, women's health disparities, women in the criminal justice system, women who are substance abusers, environmental, emotional, and community issues, as well as information and resources; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, SHOW strives to bridge the gap between policies, procedures, programs, and the women they serve, to ensure better service provision to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women; programs on incarceration, housing, employment options, and budgeting are also facilitated to encourage, strengthen, and uplift these women so that they are no longer part of the problem, but part of the solution in healing broken communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations and individuals who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Sistas Healing Old Wounds upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Freedom, Unshackled Awards Dinner on June 28, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sistas Healing Old Wounds.