

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Weidrich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Stakeholders Founders Award to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Weidrich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Stakeholders Founders Award to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the GE Theatre at Proctors, Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, This illustrious award is bestowed upon board members and staff of Stakeholders, Inc. who had an early and influential impact on the formation and success of Stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Michael Weidrich holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Syracuse University, a Master's in Business Administration from the College of Saint Rose, Advanced Graduate Certificates in Instructional Technology and Not-for-Profit Management from the College of Saint Rose, and is currently pursuing a Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Sector Management from Rockefeller College at the University of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to community service throughout the Capital Region for more than a decade, Michael Weidrich is currently the Deputy Director of the Pride Center of the Capital Region, having previously sat on the Board of Directors and volunteered as Gallery Manager; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he previously served as the Director of Corporate Development at the Albany Institute of History & Art, and Executive Director of the Lark Street Business Improvement District where he produced the largest LARKfest in the event's 30 year history; and

WHEREAS, As a Board Member of the Upstate Artists Guild, Michael Weidrich founded 1st Friday of Albany, the monthly arts walk on Lark Street and Downtown Albany, which he coordinated for more than seven years; and

WHEREAS, Michael Weidrich, a lifelong artist whose work has been shown internationally, is a Board Member of The Stakeholders Inc. where he founded the Arts Ambassadors Institute, a companion program of the Young Philanthropists Institute; under his luminous direction, the programs were merged into one Stakeholders Institute; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Tech Valley Program, Michael Weidrich has been a member of the LTV Steering Committee ever since; he is also the Communications Committee co-chair for the Chamber's Tech Valley Nonprofit Business Council and sits on the board of CARES Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Michael Weidrich has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his work in the community, some of which include, the Business Review's 40 Under 40 Award, the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau's Hospitality Excellent Award, the Capital District Gay & Lesbian Community Council's Volunteer of the Year Award, as well as being honored by the Lark Street Business Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Michael Weidrich has displayed

throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those 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 honor Michael Weidrich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Stakeholders Founders Award at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Weidrich.