

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tracy Neitzel for 22 years of distinguished service to Joseph's House and Shelter

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tracy Neitzel for 22 years of distinguished service to Joseph's House and Shelter, to be celebrated on May 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Neitzel has been the executive director of Joseph's House and Shelter Inc. in Troy, New York, since 1990; for the last 22 years she constantly juggled multiple sources to expand services for Rensselaer County's homeless; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Neitzel has been successful in not only presenting consecutive balanced budgets, but working with other agencies to supplement a continuum of care for the community's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, Prior to working at Joseph's House, Tracy Neitzel worked as the Rensselaer County Youth Bureau Director and as the Program and Operations Director at the Troy-Cohoes YWCA; before moving to Rensselaer County in 1983, she lived in Key West, Florida where she acquired a wealth of relevant and authentic life experience working in many fields; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Neitzel earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from Pratt Institute; since coming to Joseph's House she has overseen the transformation and growth of agency services from 19 beds of overnight shelter provision into an agency dedicated to serving people who have experienced homelessness in their lives across a continuum of need; Joseph's House remains the only provider of emergency shelter in Troy, but has naturally evolved into a provider of outreach, supported housing and comprehensive case management services specifically targeting people who are homeless, formerly homeless, or at high risk of becoming homeless again; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Tracy Neitzel's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tracy Neitzel for 22 years of distinguished service to Joseph's House and Shelter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tracy Neitzel.