

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2016, as Social Workers Recognition Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the conviction of this Legislative Body that those individuals who faithfully serve the needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the efforts of social workers who, in providing essential care and support to people in the communities across New York State, serve to enhance the quality of life for some of our most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2016, as Social Workers Recognition Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Social Workers Recognition Month; and

WHEREAS, In observance of Social Workers Recognition Month, the staff and administration of St. Joseph Hospital will recognize and celebrate the steadfast and unremitting commitment of its incredible Social Work Team; and

WHEREAS, More than 600,000 social workers across the Nation confront some of the most challenging issues facing individuals, families, communities and society; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States and tirelessly work to help people overcome depression, anxiety, substance abuse and other disorders so they can lead more fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, More than 12,000 professional Social Workers are employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, helping to bolster our country's security by providing support to active duty military personnel, veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers know that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages, and they realize that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are proud to stand up for individuals and support diverse families in every community; these remarkable caregivers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers celebrate the courage, hope and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, It is the conviction of this Legislative Body that those individuals who faithfully serve the needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the efforts of direct caregivers who, in providing essential care and support to people in the communities across New York State, serve to enhance the quality of life for some of our most vulnerable residents; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2016, as Social Workers Recognition Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New

York and to Catherine Morris, Director Case Management Department, St. Joseph Hospital.

