

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Margaret Colasurdo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Margaret Colasurdo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in The Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Clyde, New York, Margaret Colasurdo married her husband in 1933; together, the couple happily raised three boys; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding volunteer who is always willing to lend a helping hand, Margaret Colasurdo gives of her time and energy to the Clyde Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters, Martha Ministry and most importantly, the St. John's Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 99, Margaret Colasurdo has managed the St. John's Food Pantry for over four decades, helping hundreds of families; through the years, she has successfully partnered with Foodlink and has procured donations of shelving to transform her pantry into a "store", allowing client's to choose their items; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Margaret Colasurdo has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her three children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Margaret Colasurdo has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Colasurdo, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Margaret Colasurdo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret Colasurdo.