

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Ellen Sax upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region on April 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Sax has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ellen Sax upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala Celebration, Time, Tradition, Trinity, on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, Ellen Sax has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Sax joined MVP Health Care in February 2014, as the Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, and just two years later she was promoted to Vice President of Community Engagement; and

WHEREAS, In addition to developing and implementing MVP's philanthropic focus, Ellen Sax is responsible for expanding the company's presence in the community through charitable giving, employee engagement and partnerships with nonprofit organizations and community groups; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining MVP Health Care, Ellen Sax served as the Vice President of Community Relations for KeyBank N.A.'s Capital Region; in this capacity she was responsible for directing Key's charitable giving, expanding Key's visibility by partnering with local nonprofit organizations and community groups to enhance their capacity building, serving as a resource for fund development and providing advice and guidance on strategic issues; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Sax holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling Services from Syracuse University; she went on to earn a Master's of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship, as well as a Master of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the community, Ellen Sax currently serves as Past Chair for the Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region and as a Trustee for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Upstate Northeastern New York Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this esteemed woman serves on a variety of committees including: Founding member and Steering Committee member for the Capital Region Creative Economy Project, Gala chair and committee member for the CCFA Evening to Remember Gala, The College of St. Rose Community of Excellence, WAMS Luncheon Committee, mentor for the Tech Valley Young Professional Network, Steering Committee for the Tech Valley Nonprofit Business Council, member of the Vale Park Task Force and honorary chair for Girls Inc.'s 27th Annual Dinner and Auction; and

WHEREAS, The proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Ellen Sax has been recognized by Women Against MS with the Community Achievement Award, Women in Public Service, Center for Women in Government and Civil Society, The Stakeholders' Community Mentor Award and the Inspirational Leadership Award from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation; and

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

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Ellen Sax, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ellen Sax upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region on April 20, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ellen Sax.