

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Aviva Abramovsky upon the occasion of
being appointed Dean of the University at Buffalo
School of Law

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Aviva Abramovsky upon the occasion of being named the Dean of the University at Buffalo School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Aviva Abramovsky, current Associate Dean for International Initiatives and Kaufman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Syracuse University College of Law, will take over leadership of the University at Buffalo School of Law school in July of 2017; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic woman was chosen for the position because of her impressive leadership experience, academic accomplishments, and creative, entrepreneurial vision for the University at Buffalo School of Law and the future of legal education; and

WHEREAS, Aviva Abramovsky received her undergraduate degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University, and earned her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania; during this time, she was the Managing Editor of the **Journal of Constitutional Law**, where she was published in the field of ethics; and

WHEREAS, As Associate Dean at Syracuse University, Aviva Abramovsky led efforts to bring a more global perspective to the College of Law; she spearheaded Master of Laws and two-year Juris Doctor programs for foreign lawyers and launched a visiting scholars and researchers program; and

WHEREAS, Aviva Abramovsky's diligent work on establishing partnerships abroad led to the creation of a new international student exchange program; she also created a legal English pre-matriculation program, and directed Syracuse's clinical internship program in London; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Aviva Abramovsky holds the position of Editor of **LSN Insurance Law, Legislation, & Policy**; she also served as an academic evaluator for the American Bar Association's federal judiciary committees for then-Supreme Court nominees Samuel Alito and Sonya Sotomayor; and

WHEREAS, As the daughter of two alumni from the University of Buffalo, Aviva Abramovsky believes that legal education in the United

States is at an inflection point, and the Buffalo School of Law is perfectly poised to take the lead in providing innovative, multidisciplinary and modern legal education in a world where the practice of law is radically changing; and

WHEREAS, Aviva Abramovsky has proven herself an outstanding leader and manager throughout her impressive career in academia and law; her strong academic credentials will build on the University at Buffalo School of Law's legacy of excellence, while honoring its proud traditions; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our colleges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Aviva Abramovsky upon the occasion of being appointed Dean of the University at Buffalo School of Law, and to wish to her continued success in her new position; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aviva Abramovsky.