

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Darcie M. Miller upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Orange County Woman of Achievement

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Darcie M. Miller upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Orange County Woman of Achievement by the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson and the YWCA Orange County to be recognized at its 25th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner of the Orange County Department of Social Services and the Orange County Department of Health, Darcie M. Miller began her illustrious career as a Rape Crisis Coordinator in Niagara County; and

WHEREAS, Overcoming much adversity, Darcie M. Miller used the challenges she faced growing up, watching people she loved battle addiction and mental health issues, as inspiration to become part of the solution toward wellness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Darcie M. Miller began working for Orange County in 2001, as a staff social worker; she became forensic coordinator in 2004, working with the population whose lives were complicated by homelessness, mental illness, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and ultimately the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, While serving as Commissioner for the Department of Mental Health, Darcie M. Miller was named acting Commissioner for the Department of Social Services, where she has been instrumental in carrying out its mission of WELCOME Orange: to provide a hopeful, welcoming and person-centered approach to meet individuals' needs by collaborating and connecting people to resources for healthy living; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, James, who has shown her love and support and rejoices in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes that New York State is the home to countless women who are strong and colorful threads, vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have contributed, and continue to add to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Darcie M. Miller upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Orange

County Woman of Achievement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Darcie M. Miller.