

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING The Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on February 3, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the efforts of those organizations within the State of New York which aim to curb the use of alcohol and drugs within the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Addictions Care Center of Albany upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary at a Kick-Off Party on Friday, February 3, 2017, at Normanside Country Club, in Delmar, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1967, The Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc. (ACCA) has been strengthening the lives and improving the futures of thousands of individuals in its community; through intensive, proactive programs customized to individual needs, ACCA touches the lives of more than 10,000 people throughout the Capital Region each year; and

WHEREAS, Through its core values of respect, compassion, diversity, integrity and excellence, ACCA empowers individuals, families and communities to advance beyond addiction and overcome barriers to healing through an array of quality, compassionate care and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol and drug addiction is called a family disease because addiction negatively impacts the stability of the home, the family's unity, mental health, physical health and social network; there is typically more divorce, domestic violence, child abuse, depression, anxiety, and general medical problems in families dealing with addiction; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the ACCA continuum of care, the needs of the family are foremost; staff teaches youth the proactive skills and the knowledge to avoid drug and alcohol abuse and other risky behaviors, and family education programming extends prevention into the community; and

WHEREAS, Family therapy is an integral component in all ACCA treatment modalities and critical to the sustained recovery of both the individual client and their family; in 2011, ACCA opened Vista House, a 22-bed Women and Children's Transitional Living residence where women are able to prepare for the next phase of their life in recovery in a safe, healthy environment while keeping their families intact; in 2017, this vital organization plans on opening a halfway house for women and children in the beginning stages of recovery on the main campus; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Executive Director Keith W. Stack, ACCA respects each individual's unique journey through recovery and believes the disease of addiction is both preventable and

treatable; for 50 years, ACCA has strived to heal the hearts of everyone touched by addiction and provide the gift of sustained recovery to the individuals and families it serves throughout Albany County and the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The success of ACCA is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on February 3, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Keith W. Stack, Executive Director, The Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc.