

BY: Senator MURPHY

COMMENDING the Burn Center at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, New York, upon the occasion of observing February 5-11, 2017, as National Burn Awareness Week

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those institutions within the State of New York which provide outstanding medical care and vital services to meet the healthcare needs of their patients; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Burn Center at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, New York, upon the occasion of observing February 5-11, 2017, as National Burn Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 31st Anniversary of National Burn Awareness Week, developed as a vehicle to promote burn awareness and prevention among the general public, as well as high-risk groups, like children and older adults; and

WHEREAS, Burn Awareness Week, observed each year during the first full week in the month of February, is designed to provide an opportunity for burn, fire and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in our communities; and

WHEREAS, As the only Burn Center between New York City and the Canadian border in Eastern New York, Westchester Medical Center offers hope for survival and a productive life to hundreds of burn victims each year; and

WHEREAS, The Burn Center maintains a team of highly trained and dedicated burn specialists providing a full range of services from intensive care through rehabilitation, with special attention to the individual's physical, emotional and social needs; and

WHEREAS, The Burn Center is self-contained to minimize the risk of infection to the most susceptible of patients: it has private rooms and its own state-of-the art operating rooms and treatment areas; family rooms, day rooms and a kitchen makes it more comfortable for both the patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Burn Center is home to the regional Advanced Wound Therapy and Hyperbaric Center, treating burn victims, as well as people with a wide variety of injuries and wounds; and

WHEREAS, Coupled with its expert staff, the Burn Center at Westchester Medical Center has had a long and sustained commitment to the health and welfare of the citizens of Westchester, and therefore merits the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Burn Center at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, New York, upon the occasion of observing February 5-11, 2017, National Burn Awareness Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Burn Center at Westchester Medical Center.