

Assembly Resolution No. 189

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COMMENDING Esmeralda Hoscoy, Regional Supervisor for Catholic Charities Community Services of Westchester County, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the community of Westchester County

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commend Esmeralda Hoscoy, Regional Supervisor for Catholic Charities Community Services of Westchester County, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the families and communities of Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of these exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Mexican laborers, Esmeralda Hoscoy is the first in her family to obtain a college degree; breaking barriers, she went on to receive her Master of Public Administration degree from the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to making an impact on the world, Esmeralda Hoscoy was the previous Director of Immigration and Refugee Services for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County in California, where she worked with resettling over 150 refugees and unaccompanied minors, and served internationally as the Director of Volunteer Services with Sustainable Bolivia in Cochabamba, Bolivia; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Esmeralda Hoscoy was a Fellow with the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society (CWGCS) working to fill the knowledge gaps about the status of women, develop evidence based approaches to advance gender parity, strengthen system responsiveness, raise awareness about existing inequities, and deepen and broaden women's access to education and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Esmeralda Hoscoy serves the vulnerable populations of immigrants, refugees, day laborers and individuals with mental health challenges; as Regional Supervisor for Catholic Charities

Community Services of Westchester County, she directs multiple programs which assist individuals to overcome difficulties to self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, As the leader in both Alianza Laboral and the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) in Westchester County, she addresses the needs of the immigrant populations with the help of over 30 different community based organizations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Esmeralda Hoscoy serves as an Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Board Member of United Way of Westchester and Putnam County; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Esmeralda Hoscoy, Regional Supervisor for Catholic Charities Community Services of Westchester County, in conjunction with Women's History Month, for her unwavering commitment to the community of Westchester County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Esmeralda Hoscoy, Regional Supervisor, Catholic Charities Community Services of Westchester County.