

Assembly Resolution No. 24

**BY:** M. of A. Ryan

**COMMENDING** President and CEO Ronald T. Silverio upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service to Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc.

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend President and CEO Ronald T. Silverio upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service to Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc.; he officially retired from this position on December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** A visionary leader, Ronald T. Silverio is synonymous with Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc.; he will fondly be remembered for his tenacity, compassion and boundless energy; and

**WHEREAS,** The Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc. is a multi-agency group, incorporated as a non-profit organization, working collectively to address the health care and related needs of individuals and families living in the eight counties of Western New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Governed by an independent Board of Directors, the Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc. is the parent corporation of three non-profit service providers: Evergreen Health, Community Access Services and WNY and the Pride Center of WNY; and

**WHEREAS,** This valuable medical institution offers specialty health care, primary care, housing, care coordination, pharmacy services, counseling, testing, substance user health services and syringe exchange programs in Buffalo and Jamestown; and

**WHEREAS,** Each year, Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc. treats about 4,000 patients in its primary and specialty Care practice, and helps another 11,000 clients throughout its other support service and programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Ronald T. Silverio began his illustrious career with Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc. in 1988; he quickly rose through the ranks, holding the esteemed title of both President and CEO for numerous years; and

**WHEREAS,** In this capacity, Ronald T. Silverio was instrumental in growing this vital health care organization from six original employees to over 300 and increasing the agency's budget; and

**WHEREAS,** Ronald T. Silverio also oversaw the development of six properties, including construction of a major building addition which will soon open at the agency's South Elmwood Avenue headquarters; the new building nearly triples the capacity for the health care practice and provides new administrative offices and room for other programs in the building to expand; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, Ronald T. Silverio helped build Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc. into a model of wrap-around services with respectful, quality care for those most at risk, the underserved, and the LGBTQ population; and

**WHEREAS,** Well-known throughout the healthcare industry, Ronald T. Silverio was appointed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to the statewide Ending the Epidemic Task Force in 2015; this committee produced a blueprint on how to reduce the number of new HIV infections to 750 by the end of 2020, compared to 3,000 now; and

**WHEREAS,** In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Ronald T. Silverio's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Ronald T. Silverio continuously displayed initiative and an unrelenting commitment when pursuing the highest of goals, and he has served as a role model of leadership to be emulated by all; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 President and CEO Ronald T. Silverio upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service to Evergreen Association of WNY, Inc.; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ronald T. Silverio.