

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Kevin Dahill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Healthcare Association of New York State

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kevin Dahill upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Healthcare Association of New York State which was celebrated at an event on Friday, December 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Each year since 1979, the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYYS) has presented the Distinguished Service Award to individuals who demonstrate superlative commitment and service to New York State's healthcare community; Kevin Dahill is truly deserving of this prestigious accolade; and

WHEREAS, For five decades, Kevin Dahill has diligently worked to improve healthcare in the State of New York; during this time, he has established a reputation for his knowledge, credibility and capacity to reconcile conflict and achieve consensus on complex health policy issues; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Dahill began his illustrious career in healthcare as a hospital administrator, first at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City, then New York United Hospital Medical Center in Port Chester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Kevin Dahill holds the titles of President and CEO of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council and the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association, both divisions of the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State (SHANYYS); he will officially retire from these roles at the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, Through his vision, vast experience and knowledge, Kevin Dahill has been instrumental in transforming the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council into the successful organization it is today; shortly after he became the CEO in 2002, he developed new initiatives for the region, forged relationships with area businesses and developed a name for himself as a powerful and valued voice with elected officials; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Kevin Dahill achieved his greatest accomplishment when he created SHANYYS by forging a partnership with the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council and Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association; and

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Kevin Dahill proved to once again be a valuable and conscientious leader, visiting the hospitals he served and meeting with CEOs to find out what issues they faced; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Dahill has been a key figure in the most important healthcare policy issues over the past 50 years, conducting himself with

professionalism and civility, and delivering results that have made a positive difference in the lives of all New Yorkers; 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 honor Kevin Dahill for his designation as recipient of the 2020 Distinguished Service Award by the Healthcare Association of New York State, and to congratulate him upon the occasion of his much-deserved retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Dahill.