

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Eve Van de Wal upon the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to Excellus BlueCross BlueShield

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eve Van de Wal upon the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to Excellus BlueCross BlueShield on Tuesday, April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Eve Van de Wal was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, Eve Van de Wal is a Registered Nurse with more than 35 years of extensive and diverse experience in healthcare delivery and health insurance; she joined Excellus BlueCross BlueShield in 1998, and held several management positions throughout the company before being appointed Regional President of the Utica/North Country region in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Eve Van de Wal received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from SUNY Brockport and master's degrees in Health Services Management and Business Administration from SUNY Institute of Technology; she also worked for more than a decade in the Critical Care Unit of Faxon Hospital in Utica; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Utica Regional President, Eve Van de Wal always served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In true service to her community, Eve Van de Wal has made giving back, making a difference, and helping others a priority; she has supported a variety of civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties; Mohawk Valley EDGE; the United Way of the Mohawk Valley; The American Heart Association; YWCA of the Mohawk Valley; Healthcare Workforce New York, and the Rotary Club of Utica; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her unrelenting dedication and service, Eve Van de Wal has received the Catholic Charities of Oneida and Madison Counties Starfish Award; The Genesis Group Joseph R. Carucci Legacy Award; Boys and Girls Club Living Legend Award; The American Red Cross Great Hero Award; The Oneida County Historical Hall of Fame Living Legends Award; the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award; the Successful Women in Business Award of the Mohawk Valley; and the YWCA Salute to Outstanding Women Award for Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Dale, their two children, and their four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, For the past 35 years, Eve Van de Wal rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to Excellus BlueCross BlueShield; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield; Eve Van de Wal earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Eve Van de Wal upon the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eve Van de Wal.