

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

HONORING Dragonfly Art and Soul upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 21, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing the economic well-being of the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dragonfly Art and Soul upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence, New York; and

WHEREAS, Owner of Dragonfly Art and Soul, Sarah J. Carr is an artist, stylist, visionary, professional intuitive, and ordained minister; the breadth of her studies includes the fine arts, cosmetology, aromatherapy, Reiki, herbalism, crystals, meditation, mediumship, BioGenesis, and countless metaphysical and spiritual practices, including the Peruvian shamanic path; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Sarah J. Carr has traveled extensively, working internationally as a photographer, stylist, and makeup artist while also expanding her personal knowledge base; she began her first artistic business venture at just sixteen years old, making tie-dyes and traveling to sell them; and

WHEREAS, Today, this successful entrepreneur enjoys sharing her experience and knowledge to support and mentor others (of all ages) as they begin a new entrepreneurship venture or journey of personal discovery; and

WHEREAS, Sarah J. Carr has dedicated her life to service, healing, and helping others discover their gifts at her studio, Dragonfly Art and Soul, which she runs with her daughter and partner, Darya; she carefully designed Dragonfly as a magical destination where everyone is welcome, seen, and heard.; and

WHEREAS, Through her careful curation and dedication over the past 13 years, Dragonfly Art and Soul has evolved into a community: a place of hope, healing, and freedom where everyone's uniqueness and gifts are honored; furthermore, this illustrious small business houses the largest crystal selection in Western New York, as well as a thriving, collaborative local artisan gallery and boutique; and

WHEREAS, Dragonfly Art and Soul is an extension of Sarah's mission to design spiritual and creative spaces for healing and self-discovery

as inspiration for all to live profoundly, fully, and with grace; and

WHEREAS, Sarah J. Carr loves being part of the Clarence Community, and serves on the executive board at the Clarence Chamber of Commerce as Co-Chair; and

WHEREAS, The success of Dragonfly Art and Soul is in direct correlation to the efforts of its owner, Sarah J. Carr and her daughter Darya, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges Dragonfly Art and Soul's success, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the business and its employees, fully confident that, in its future, it will enjoy the same success which has so characterized its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor honoring Dragonfly Art and Soul upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 21, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah J. Carr, Dragonfly Art and Soul.