

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 80th Anniversary of Westchester
Jewish Community Services

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social, and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Westchester Jewish Community Services to be celebrated with a Gala on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in Purchase, New York; and

WHEREAS, Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Westchester Jewish Community Services is to help people of all ages and backgrounds overcome emotional, educational, vocational, disability-related, and spiritual challenges so they can lead their lives with strength, resilience, and confidence; and

WHEREAS, For the past 80 years, WJCS has carried out a long and proud tradition of "Tikkun Olam," defined as acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world; the organization works to uphold this pillar by providing an array of meaningful services to its surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, The services WJCS provides include evidence-based mental health and trauma treatment, 24/7 care for disabled adults, supportive programming for LGBTQ+ youth and families, geriatric care and resources, early childhood development enrichment education, advocacy, supportive services, and social activities for individuals with disabilities, and cultural, educational, counseling, and spiritual programming for the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, Westchester Jewish Community Services is dedicated to ensuring dignity and respect for all employees in an inclusive and safe environment that values diversity, experience, and merit; the organization is committed to racial justice and equal opportunity, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, class, ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity differences for employment, professional development, and advancement for qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions which act of great service to their

community, and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Westchester Jewish Community Services to be celebrated on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Westchester Jewish Community Services.