

Assembly Resolution No. 1043

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HONORING Eve Van de Wal upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Businessperson of the Year Award by the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York, and whose purposeful endeavors as involved members of the community serve to enhance the quality of life therein; 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 designation as recipient of the Businessperson of the Year Award by the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated on Thursday, May 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Eve Van de Wal is a proud life-long resident of the Mohawk Valley, creating and maintaining strong relationships with key community leaders through her work with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS); she joined the company in 1998 and held numerous administrative positions prior to her current role of regional president; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of her over 40-year career, she generously shared her extensive and diverse experience in healthcare delivery and health insurance, having enjoyed a successful career as a critical care and coronary care nurse before joining the health plan; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her volunteer efforts at hundreds of community events throughout her career, Eve Van de Wal has served her hometown and Excellus BCBS by serving on numerous boards including: Adirondack Bank, Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corporation (EDGE), The United Way of the Mohawk Valley and Greater Utica Area, The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Health Workforce New York (HWNY), Northern Area Health and Education Center (NAHEC), Utica First Insurance Company, and YWCA of the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Eve Van de Wal has received the following honors: Women of Distinction by the New York State Senate, On Point for College Foundation of Hope, American Red Cross Great Hero, The Genesis Group Joseph R. Carucci Legacy Award, Boys and Girls Club Living Legend Award, YWCA Salute to Outstanding Women for Healthcare, Oneida County Historical Society Hall of Fame Living Legends Award, Boy Scouts of America Public Service Leadership Award, Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award, and Successful Women in Business Award by the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, Receiving the esteemed honor of Businessperson of the Year

is a testament to all the hard work and positive contributions Eve Van de Wal has so selflessly demonstrated on behalf of her community; this distinction comes at a meaningful time in her life as Eve Van de Wal is retiring from her cherished position as regional president on Tuesday, April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, Eve Van de Wal rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, the greater Utica area, and, as a result, the communities of New York State at large; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as regional president, Eve Van de Wal served with loyalty, honor and distinction, justly earning her this honor; and

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Eve Van de Wal upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Businessperson of the Year Award by the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

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