

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**COMMENDING** the Institute for Community Living upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on May 14, 2025

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those organizations whose commitment and dedication to the well-being of others have significantly enhanced the quality of life for individuals and families across the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to honor the Institute for Community Living upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on Wednesday, May 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1986, the Institute for Community Living (ICL) has grown into one of New York State's most impactful human services organizations, providing vital housing, health, and behavioral support services to more than 13,000 individuals and families, throughout the five boroughs, annually; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2025 Gala serves not only as a celebration of ICL's enduring mission but also as a critical fundraiser to advance its work in addressing mental health challenges, homelessness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders, all while affirming the dignity and potential of every person it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the steadfast leadership of President and CEO Jody Rudin, ICL has been at the forefront of person-centered, trauma-informed care with innovative programming that breaks down silos between mental and physical health and promotes long-term wellness and recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** The theme of the 2025 Gala, "Together, We Heal," underscores ICL's deep belief in the power of community, compassion, and collaborative action to restore hope and rebuild lives; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proud to recognize the outstanding contributions of ICL to the social fabric of the State of New York and celebrate the organization's unwavering commitment to building a more equitable and supportive society for all; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Institute for Community Living, upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on May 14, 2025, and to commend the organization for nearly four decades of transformative service; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jody Rudin, President and CEO of the Institute for Community Living.