Assembly Resolution No. 644

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**COMMEMORATING** the 35th Anniversary of Trillium Health, recognizing its legacy of courage, innovation, and commitment to equitable healthcare for all

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished organizations within the State of New York that have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to providing inclusive, equitable, and innovative healthcare services to underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Trillium Health to be celebrated with a White Party on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the Mercantile on Main in Rochester, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Trillium Health, a premier healthcare provider based in Rochester, New York, is proudly honoring its 35th Anniversary, marking more than three decades of exemplary service, compassionate care, and groundbreaking advocacy in the field of public and LGBTQ+ health; and

**WHEREAS,** Trillium Health traces its origins to 1983, when AIDS Rochester was established to provide critical advocacy, education, and support services to individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS during one of the most challenging public health crises in modern history; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1989, the Community Health Network was founded as a community-based clinic to provide care to those living with HIV/AIDS, and in 1990 became a Ryan White Grantee, ensuring that no one would be denied care due to inability to pay; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, the organization continued to evolve, playing a pivotal role in New York State's harm reduction efforts through syringe exchange programs and expanding services through partnerships, including a collaboration with Pleasant Street Apothecary; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2010 merger of AIDS Rochester and Community Health Network into AIDS Care marked a new chapter in service delivery, and in 2013, the organization rebranded as Trillium Health-broadening its mission to include comprehensive primary care while remaining deeply rooted in its legacy as a trusted provider for LGBTQ+ communities and individuals affected by infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2015, Trillium Health expanded its reach by integrating the Men of Color Health Awareness Project, also known as The MOCHA Center, strengthening its commitment to culturally competent care; and

**WHEREAS,** Trillium Health earned a Federally Qualified Health Center

(FQHC) Look-Alike designation in 2016, and in 2025, officially became a Federally Qualified Health Center-allowing the organization to extend its services to even more individuals in need by increasing access to federal resources; and

**WHEREAS,** From 2018 to 2019, Trillium Health undertook a period of major expansion, adding women's health and pediatric services, new healthcare facilities, and expanded pharmacy services to meet the growing needs of the Rochester community; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, Trillium Health serves over 16,000 people in the Greater Rochester area and continues to be the region's leading LGBTQ+ healthcare provider, grounded in the principles of equity, inclusivity, and dignity for all; and

**WHEREAS,** The growth and impact of Trillium Health-highlighted by a 71% increase in patient population, attest to the critical role it plays in advancing public health and social justice throughout New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** The organization's enduring mission reflects a history of courage, hope, and innovation, affirming that every person, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity, deserves high-quality, judgment-free, and affordable healthcare; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Trillium Health, applauding its unwavering dedication to healthcare access, LGBTQ+ advocacy, and community wellbeing; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Trillium Health.