

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Maria Rios upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Institute for Community Living on June 6, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the efforts of those professionals who provide vital behavioral health services to individuals and families and, in so doing, enhance the health and welfare of the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Maria Rios upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Institute for Community Living, to be celebrated on Friday, June 6, 2014, at the Trauma Informed Care Takes Root at ICL Celebration, Brooklyn Borough Hall, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1986, the Institute for Community Living, Inc. (ICL) is a not-for-profit corporation that assists individuals and families affected by, or at risk for, mental illness or developmental disabilities by providing integrated comprehensive services and support designed to facilitate their recovery, improve their quality of life, and foster their participation in community living; and

WHEREAS, With more than 100 programs, the Institute for Community Living provides evidence-based, best practice innovative treatments, rehabilitation programs, and support services to more than 10,000 adults, children and families in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, the Bronx and Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Maria Rios is being recognized for her exemplary efforts to implement trauma-informed care practices as a Network Leader in ICL's Agency Practice Expertise Network (APEX) Learning Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Through APEX, ICL aims to change the way trauma is viewed by ending isolation, exposing misconceptions, and working collaboratively to develop strategies that enable individuals to live productive and healthy lives in their communities; and

WHEREAS, In her dedication to promoting the principles of trauma-informed care, as well as her outstanding leadership in APEX, Maria Rios has demonstrated her commitment to social justice and has set an example for all behavioral health providers in New York City and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who bring greater awareness to mental health issues, and who aid people with mental illnesses in their quest for dignity and independence, merit the recognition and appreciation of all the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Maria Rios upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Institute for Community Living; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maria Rios.