

**BY:** Senator GIANARIS

**COMMEMORATING** the 25th Anniversary of SHAREing and CAREing

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to exemplary organizations whose notable contributions to the community add to the fabric of New York State and inspire our citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate SHAREing and CAREing upon the occasion of its 25th Anniversary to be celebrated at Riccardo's by the Bridge in Astoria, New York, on Thursday, November 7, 2019; and and

**WHEREAS,** SHAREing and CAREing was founded in May of 1994 by four breast cancer survivors, Anna Kril, Mary Demakos, Carol Scarano and Lucille Hartman, who, through their own experiences, recognized a lack of breast cancer services in Queens County; and

**WHEREAS,** SHAREing and CAREing's original mission was to provide assistance, education, support and hope to women living in Queens and coping with breast and ovarian cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** SHAREing and CAREing's mission has expanded into a full service cancer support community assisting women and men with breast, ovarian, colon and other cancers; and

**WHEREAS,** SHAREing and CAREing, under the leadership of its founder and president, Anna Kril, provides cancer survivors with individual and group counseling, benefit entitlement assistance, emergent needs assistance and other direct services; and

**WHEREAS,** SHAREing and CAREing also provides community members with linkages to free or low-cost cancer screenings, has created a number of flagship programs including its Be a Friend to Your Mother high school outreach program and has partnered with the Queens Public Library to educate community members about cancer, health and wellness, and having agency over their own bodies and health; and

**WHEREAS,** SHAREing and CAREing's founders never imagined how much the organization would grow nor could they have envisioned the reach and impact of its programming; and

**WHEREAS,** SHAREing and CAREing is the face of HOPE, RECOVERY AND CANCER SURVIVORSHIP, serving 4,000-6,000 individuals a year; and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to pay tribute to the enduring contributions of SHAREing and CAREing; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of SHAREing and CAREing; and be it

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**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anna Kril, Founder/President, SHAREing and CAREing.