

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of Arbor
Housing and Development

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their 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 50th Anniversary of Arbor Housing and Development; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Housing and Development is a progressive, non-profit corporation committed to building independence and creating housing options to underserved populations primarily in the Southern Tier of New York and North Central Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Incorporated on September 3, 1969, during the "war on poverty" as Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty, the organization has since grown from eight part-time volunteers dedicated to self-help housing to 100 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Housing and Development offers residential behavioral health and domestic violence services as well as assistance for renters and home-buyers, creating a pathway to the security and stability all people deserve; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, by developing, rehabilitating and managing quality residential sites, this vital organization empowers people to live within their means in communities of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Housing and Development is also an experienced developer of affordable housing and supportive housing for at-need populations; and

WHEREAS, A Chartered Member of NeighborWorks America, Arbor Housing and Development is a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), New York State HCR-certified Rural Preservation Corporation and HUD Certified Housing Counseling Organization; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 50-year history, Arbor Housing and Development has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Arbor Housing and Development is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Arbor Housing and Development; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Arbor Housing and Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arbor Housing and Development.