

BY: Senator KENNEDY

HONORING Jody L. Lomeo upon the occasion of being named the 2019 Executive of the Year by Buffalo Niagara Sales and Marketing Executives, Inc. on March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York, and whose purposeful endeavors as involved members of the community serve to enhance the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jody L. Lomeo upon the occasion of being named the 2019 Executive of the Year by Buffalo Niagara Sales and Marketing Executives, Inc. to be celebrated at its Elite Sales and Marketing Awards Gala Dinner on Monday, March 2, 2020, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens in Depew, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jody L. Lomeo holds the title of President and CEO of Kaleida Health, the largest healthcare provider and employer in Western New York State; and

WHEREAS, A native Buffalonian, Jody L. Lomeo attended Fordham University before graduating from the State University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Kaleida Health, Jody L. Lomeo served on the Board of Directors of ECMC Hospital in Buffalo for eight years, before being recruited to the position of CEO in 2009; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Jody L. Lomeo prioritized the community's interests by implementing several physician-led clinical improvements on the ECMC campus such as new programs and facilities involving head and neck surgery, breast surgery, and orthopedics, as well as a primary care network of providers; and

WHEREAS, Jody L. Lomeo was also instrumental in expanding the ECMC campus by building the Center of Excellence in Transplantation and Renal Care, the Terrace View Long Term Care facility, and the Center of Excellence in Behavioral Health; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2014, Jody L. Lomeo joined Kaleida Health as interim CEO, and was named to his current position in April of that same year; throughout his tenure, he has led the organization through a remarkable transformation, improving quality of care, increasing market share, cultivating physician and employee relations, recording budget surpluses, increasing philanthropy and facilitating new construction; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his leadership role at Kaleida, Jody L. Lomeo is the President and CEO of the Great Lakes Health System of

Western New York, the parent organization responsible for integrating the clinical activities of Kaleida Health, Erie County Medical Center Corporation (ECMC), University at Buffalo and the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care; and

WHEREAS, Jody L. Lomeo is a member of the Board of Directors at Evans Bancorp, Inc. and the Greater New York Hospital Association, and served on the Boards of Directors at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, D'Youville College, and the Healthcare Association of New York State; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to quality healthcare in Western New York, Jody L. Lomeo has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Health Care 50 Award by **Business First**, the Achievement in Health Care Award by D'Youville College, a Leadership Award by the National Federation for Just Communities, the Gift of Life Award by UNYTS, the Openness to Change Award by Leadership Buffalo, the Reflections Award by Trocaire College, and the Commitment to Excellence Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce; he was also named CEO of the Year by **Business First**; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary, and their three sons, John, Vinny, and Joe, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jody L. Lomeo upon the occasion of being named the 2019 Executive of the Year by the Buffalo Niagara Sales and Marketing Executives, Inc. on March 2, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jody L. Lomeo.