

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** Dr. David Evelyn upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service as Vice President of Medical Affairs for the Cayuga Health System

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals whose professional commitment and dedication enhance the excellence of health care in their community and the great 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 congratulate Dr. David Evelyn upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service as Vice President of Medical Affairs for the Cayuga Health System; and

**WHEREAS,** In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Dr. David Evelyn's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the luminous leadership of Dr. David Evelyn, the Cayuga Health System has grown substantially and become a regional destination for health care through numerous initiatives such as the launch of interventional cardiology and clinical collaborations with Rochester Regional Health for heart care, Mayo Labs for laboratory services, University of Rochester Medical Center for Neurosciences, and Roswell Park for Cancer Services; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. David Evelyn is most proud of the patient safety program he launched in 2005; today, it remains a key tool in the success of the Cayuga Health System; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. David Evelyn created a new position of chief patient safety officer to work with many clinical and support departments to establish a much higher level of patient safety awareness, engagement, and consistency by launching annual mandatory safety education for employees, establishing a quality and patient safety committee of the Board of Directors, creating safety checklists for procedures, re-educating the team about their time-out protocol for all clinical procedures, launching Lean Six Sigma which has established a network of process improvement expertise throughout the organization, and conducting frequent root cause analysis reviews; and

**WHEREAS,** Through Dr. David Evelyn's vision overseeing recruitment, the Cayuga Health System's surgical and other clinical programs have expanded and Cayuga Medical Associates has also experienced substantial growth, which has benefited their patients and the entire region; and

**WHEREAS,** During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. David Evelyn fostered a

closer collaborative working relationship between the medical staff and nursing through surge planning/execution and their ability to flow patients through the hospital and health system; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. David Evelyn was also instrumental in moving the new residency program forward by hiring an Associate Program Director and overseeing their successful application to launch the program, and oversaw the first DSRIP application, where he served as Chair of the Clinical Governance Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his valuable work with the Cayuga Health System, Dr. David Evelyn was a member of numerous Health Care Association of New York State (HANYS) committees and served as the liaison between the New York State Department of Health and the Tompkins County Health Department; he also represented Cayuga Health with board membership at the Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County and the United Way, and served on the Mayor's task force to address the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS,** For the past 25 years, Dr. David Evelyn rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Cayuga Health System; in his capacity as Vice President of Medical Affairs, he served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

**WHEREAS,** In his official acts, Dr. David Evelyn was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

**WHEREAS,** During his tenure with Cayuga Health System, Dr. David Evelyn earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; 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 congratulate Dr. David Evelyn upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. David Evelyn.