Assembly Resolution No. 1021

**BY:** M. of A. Peoples-Stokes

**CONGRATULATING** Donald R. Ingalls, Vice President of State and Federal Relations for Highmark Western and Northeastern New York, upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Donald R. Ingalls, Vice President of State and Federal Relations for Highmark Western and Northeastern New York, upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service, to be celebrated at a surprise retirement party on Thursday, April 18, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** From the University of North Carolina, Donald R. Ingalls obtained a bachelor's degree in political science; he was also a Fellow in the National Health Maintenance Organization Management Fellowship Program; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1999, Donald R. Ingalls commenced his career with the health plan company; prior to joining the staff there, he was Executive Director of CMG Health/Magellan Behavioral Health in Buffalo, New York, from 1993-1999, and was responsible for clinical and administrative aspects of managing behavioral healthcare on a full-risk, capitation basis for 650,000 members in seven health maintenance organizations (HMOs); and

**WHEREAS,** Donald R. Ingalls has fulfilled the roles of numerous executive positions with Community Health Care Plan, a staff model HMO in Connecticut, including Vice President of Marketing and Public Affairs; he was also instrumental in initiating and chairing the Legislative Committee of the Association of Connecticut HMOs; and

**WHEREAS,** Presently, Donald R. Ingalls is Highmark Western and Northeastern New York's primary advocate within the healthcare policy community, advising stakeholders on legislative and regulatory advancements; and

**WHEREAS,** The recipient of the Business First C-Suite Award in 2021, Donald R. Ingalls has dedicated his illustrious profession to his customers, exemplifying outstanding leadership, compassion, and stewardship; his fellow employees commend him for his inspiration, determination, and guidance; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that, when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens

of the great State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare, indeed, is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength and commitment as that demonstrated by Donald R. Ingalls over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Donald R. Ingalls, Vice President of State and Federal Relations for Highmark Western and Northeastern New York, upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service, 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 Donald R. Ingalls.