

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the
Westchester Jewish Council

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished organizations whose dedication and service have strengthened the civic, cultural, and moral fabric of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Jewish Council proudly celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2025, marking five decades of exemplary leadership, advocacy, and service to the Jewish community of Westchester County and the broader community at large; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1975 as the Westchester Jewish Conference, the Westchester Jewish Council is an independent not-for-profit organization that has grown to become the central communicating, coordinating, convening, advisory, and resource organization for Jewish life in Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Jewish Council works closely with its 126 member organizations, which collectively serve the Jewish community of Westchester County-the eighth largest Jewish community in the United States, with nearly 130,000 Jewish residents; and

WHEREAS, Through its mission-driven work, the Westchester Jewish Council connects, convenes, and safeguards Westchester's Jewish communities, while encouraging participation in Jewish life and responding to both existing and emerging communal needs; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Jewish Council cultivates and strengthens meaningful relationships with elected officials, as well as with other ethnic, faith-based, and civic organizations, thereby promoting mutual understanding, cooperation, and shared civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Among its many significant initiatives, the Westchester Jewish Council co-sponsors the annual County-Wide Holocaust Commemoration, leads and supports educational programs related to Israel, advances environmental sustainability efforts, coordinates with community and faith-based partners to combat prejudice and discrimination, and enriches Jewish communal life through inclusive initiatives, including LGBTQ inclusion; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, the Westchester Jewish Council has demonstrated steadfast commitment to advocacy, education, inclusion, and community-building, earning the respect and gratitude of its members, partners, and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Westchester Jewish Council, and to commend the organization for its outstanding contributions to the

Jewish community of Westchester County and to the civic life of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Westchester Jewish Council.