

Senate Resolution No. 205

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Community Options, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 17th Annual Cupid's Chase 5k Races on February 8, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations of noble aims and accomplishments for their charitable endeavors which serve New York communities at large; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Community Options, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 17th Annual Cupid's Chase 5k Runs on Saturday, February 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Community Options is a nonprofit organization that believes in the dignity of every person and in the freedom of all people to experience the highest degree of self-determination; it currently operates over 50 offices across 12 states, reaching and impacting over 5,000 people with disabilities and their lives; and

WHEREAS, Community Options focuses its support on individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities such as Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Fragile X Syndrome, Prader-Willi, and traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, Every February, this national race series celebrates Community Options' founding in 1989; dedicated volunteers and runners raise funds and awareness to support housing and employment opportunities for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This year, Community Options is hosting 48 Cupid's Chase 5k races across the country, inviting runners, walkers, and rollers (baby strollers and wheelchairs) to help raise funds to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This commendable organization is an asset to the State of New York, honoring fallen heroes with diligence and grace while providing opportunities for community to grow and thrive together for a greater good; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Community Options, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 17th Annual Cupid's Chase 5k Races on February 8, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Community Options, Inc.