

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of A New Hope Center and recognizing its outstanding service to the residents of Tioga County and the Southern Tier of New York State

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations whose dedication and service have significantly enhanced the quality of life within their communities and throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of A New Hope Center to be celebrated at its Ruby Jubilee event on Wednesday, June 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1986, A New Hope Center has faithfully served individuals and families affected by domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, trafficking, child abuse, and other crimes, providing essential support, advocacy, and resources to some of the most vulnerable members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Located in Owego, New York, A New Hope Center serves as the comprehensive crime victim service provider for Tioga County, offering free and confidential services designed to promote safety, healing, stability, and empowerment for those impacted by violence and crime; and

WHEREAS, Through its dedicated staff and volunteers, A New Hope Center provides supportive counseling, systems advocacy, community education programs, a 24-hour hotline and textline, and emergency safe dwelling services for individuals and families seeking immediate refuge from abusive situations; and

WHEREAS, The organization assists approximately 1,200 individuals annually and provides emergency housing to dozens of families each year, ensuring that those facing crisis have access to safety, support, and pathways toward long-term stability and independence; and

WHEREAS, For four decades, A New Hope Center has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to strengthening families, promoting public safety, and fostering healthier communities through prevention, education, advocacy, and direct services; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its exceptional contributions, A New Hope Center was honored as the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce August Nonprofit Spotlight, highlighting the organization's enduring impact and valued role within the region; and

WHEREAS, Further reflecting its reputation for excellence and service, the Center's 24-hour crime victims assistance program received special recognition for its commitment to fostering strong families and

supporting those affected by violence and trauma; and

WHEREAS, The continued success of A New Hope Center is a tribute to the vision, dedication, and compassion of its leadership, staff, volunteers, supporters, and community partners, whose collective efforts have transformed countless lives and strengthened the fabric of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an organization such as A New Hope Center, whose mission and accomplishments have earned the admiration and gratitude of the citizens it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of A New Hope Center, and to recognize its exemplary service to the people of Tioga County and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to A New Hope Center in Owego, New York.