

Proclamation

HONORING HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT SUPPORT INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, FROM TIME TO TIME I, SENATOR NEIL BRESLIN, TAKE NOTE OF THE CERTAIN EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR VALUED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUCCESS AND PROGRESS OF SOCIETY AND PUBLICALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR ENDEAVORS WHICH HAVE ENHANCED THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE; AND

WHEREAS, I, SENATOR NEIL D. BRESLIN, AM JUSTLY PROUD TO COMMEND **THE HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT SUPPORT (HEARTS) INITIATIVE** UPON THE OCCASION OF BEING HONORED AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY PRESIDENT'S AWARDS FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON APRIL 25, 2014 AT UNIVERSITY HALL, UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY; AND

WHEREAS, INDIVIDUALS WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGIES AND SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES ARE AN ASSET BEYOND REMUNERATION AND CANNOT BE SUFFICIENTLY EXTOLLED; AND

WHEREAS, **THE HEARTS INITIATIVE** WAS CONVENED BY DR. HEATHER LARKIN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE, UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LASALLE SCHOOL, ST. ANNE INSTITUTE, PREVENT CHILD ABUSE NEW YORK, ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN, TROY HOUSING AUTHORITY, PARSONS CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER/NORTHEAST PARENT AND CHILD SOCIETY, SENIOR HOPE, CENTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES, TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION, COMMUNITY HOSPICE, THE WAIT HOUSE, SOLDIER'S HOPE, INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS, HOMELESS AND TRAVELERS' AID SOCIETY, AND HEALTHY HEARTS ON THE HILL; AND

WHEREAS, **THE HEARTS INITIATIVE**, INVOLVING BOTH COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH AND SERVICE, DIRECTLY CONNECTS PRACTITIONERS IN THE COMMUNITY WITH EMERGING RESEARCH; AND

WHEREAS, THE 16 ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS "WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACEs) AND THEIR COSTLY HEALTH AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES."; AND

WHEREAS, ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES ARE LINKED TO HIGH-COST RISK BEHAVIORS LATER IN LIFE, INCLUDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PSYCHOSOCIAL PROBLEMS, AND BIOMEDICAL DISEASES, AMONG OTHERS; AND

WHEREAS, DR. HEATHER LARKIN'S WORK AT THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO CO-DEVELOP A MULTIDIMENSIONAL INTERVENTION PLAN LED TO **THE HEARTS INITIATIVE**, WHICH SEEKS TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF CARE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE INITIATIVE IS ONE OF THE FIRST INSTANCES OF A LARGE-SCALE COLLABORATION AMONG THE REGION'S SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF I, SENATOR NEIL D. BRESLIN, THAT THOSE WHO ENHANCE THE WELL-BEING AND VITALITY OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND HAVE SHOWN A LONG AND SUSTAINED COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CERTAINLY HAVE EARNED THE RECOGNITION AND APPLAUSE OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT EMPIRE STATE; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT I, SENATOR NEIL D. BRESLIN, PAUSE TO RECOGNIZE **THE HEARTS INITIATIVE** UPON THE OCCASION OF BEING HONORED AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY PRESIDENT'S AWARDS FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION, SUITABLY ENGROSSED, BE TRANSMITTED TO **THE HEARTS INITIATIVE**.

DATED: APRIL 25, 2014

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE



NEIL D. BRESLIN
NEW YORK STATE SENATE
44TH DISTRICT

