

WHEREAS: In observance of National Professional Social Work Month, the Council of the City of New York is proud to honor Episcopal Social Services of New York for its tremendous service to the community; and

WHEREAS: New York City is strengthened by the tireless dedication of more than 10,000 social workers who serve on the frontlines of community service, developing social programs that address a wide range of issues, from poverty, to family break-ups and mental illness, to physical and mental disabilities, alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence and more. They are highly educated and skilled individuals who inspire community action to improve lives. They know the full range of challenges facing families of every description yet despite their enormous day-to-day challenges, they represent hope and faith in human potential; and

WHEREAS: Established in 1831, Episcopal Social Services was founded to help meet the pressing needs of the vast numbers of immigrants arriving in New York City in the nineteenth century. Since its inception, the organization has remained committed to transforming the lives and communities of New Yorkers in need. Throughout its history, it has pursued that mission in all boroughs of New York City, though its current emphasis is the Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS: Episcopal Social Services makes a lasting positive impact by providing free child welfare and daycare center services, early childhood education, family prevention and intervention, and support for working families and the formerly incarcerated to approximately 5,000 vulnerable New Yorkers annually to help them fully and productively integrate themselves into society; and

WHEREAS: Episcopal Social Services also collaborates with many other community organizations, including the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Mercy Center, Visiting Nurse Services of New York, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, Lincoln Hospital, Hostos Community College, and the Mott Haven Link-Community Partners Initiative to expand its reach to low-income families in need of social services. The low-income communities of New York City continue to need child welfare and family services related to poverty, immigration, abuse and neglect, domestic violence, incarceration, and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS: Episcopal Social Services has truly excelled in its core programs: Foster Care, Adoption and Family Preservation; Early Childhood Development; Educational Enhancement; Rehabilitation and Community Re-Integration. In all of these endeavors, it has consistently proven that empowered individuals strengthen the community; now, therefore

BE IT KNOWN: That the Council of the City of New York most gratefully honors

Episcopal Social Services of New York

for its extraordinary service and contributions to New York City.

Signed this 3rd day of March in the year Two Thousand and Ten.