

# Proclamation

## HONORING THE CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH

**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 CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH** 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**, THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES **THE EDUCATION TEAM OF THE CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE**, FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH AND SERVICE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY; AND

**WHEREAS**, FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS, **THE CENTER** AND DISTRICT HAVE COLLABORATED ON EVALUATIONS, GRANT WRITING AND OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT'S SYSTEMATIC REFORM EFFORTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN SECURING, IMPLEMENTING, AND EVALUATING NEARLY \$20 MILLION IN GRANT PROJECTS DESIGNED TO BETTER THE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, WITH THIS FUNDING, THE DISTRICT HAS RESTRUCTURED ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL INTO FOUR THEME-BASED MAGNET ACADEMIES AND IMPROVED AFTERSCHOOL SUPPORTS AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE DISTRICT'S COLLABORATION WITH **THE CENTER** HAS ALSO HELPED STRENGTHEN DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING TO IMPROVE PROGRAMS AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT; AND

**WHEREAS**, ESTABLISHED IN 1991, **THE CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH** HAS ADDRESSED THE NEEDS OF MANY AGENCIES FOR EVALUATION RESEARCH, INFORMATION SYSTEM DESIGN AND POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT; AND

**WHEREAS**, **THE CENTER** ALSO SERVES AS THE DATA SUPPORT AND EVALUATION TEAM FOR THE ALBANY PROMISE CRADLE-TO-CAREER PARTNERSHIP, A CROSS-SECTOR INITIATIVE INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF AREA LEADERS TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS IN THE CITY OF ALBANY; 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 CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH** 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 CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH**.



DATED: APRIL 25, 2014

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

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44<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT