

**Commending the New York Campus Compact for  
Advancing Campus/Community Partnerships and  
Civic Engagement in the State of New York**

**WHEREAS**, The mission of higher education in the State of New York involves educating students for life as productive citizens in a participatory democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Thousands of college and university students across the State of New York are involved in substantive volunteer, service-learning, and civic engagement activities annually that provide rich opportunities for individual learning, as well as serving as an essential component of civic education and renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, The New York Campus Compact, since its founding in September 2001, has served as a catalyst for student community involvement that helps to strengthen and renew communities throughout the State and improve the economic and social well-being of the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, These activities are building mutually beneficial bridges between the State's communities and its colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, Students active in local communities are developing community roots that contribute to their staying in New York State upon graduation, while, at the same time, are being prepared for a lifetime of civic engagement as the community leaders of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, These activities are part of a national movement that are helping to renew the civic purposes of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the intent of this Assembled Body to commend the students, colleges and universities that have dedicated their efforts to civic engagement and community renewal; while applauding the significant role of the New York Campus Compact in facilitating the ability of New York's colleges and universities to fulfill their public purposes; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the New York Campus Compact for advancing Campus/Community Partnerships and Civic Engagement in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Campus Compact.