

FAMILY BILL OF RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Board of Legislators, among its duties and responsibilities, is charged with promoting and ensuring the security, stability, health, and well-being of the County's families, regardless of their composition; and

WHEREAS families have the right to safe, stable, livable, and affordable housing with nearby access to food stores, libraries and green spaces that also provide safe havens for children and teens, without consideration to race, ethnicity, age, gender identification, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, families have the right to appropriate childcare opportunities that offer a secure, nurturing, educational, and enriching environment while parents and other kinship care givers work, pursue education, or job training; and

WHEREAS, family members have the right to meaningful employment in jobs that provide sufficient pay, benefits, and suitable skills-training that lead to advancement or future jobs; and

WHEREAS families residing in Westchester County have the right to an optimal quality of life, including healthy, supportive, safe and fully-funded schools, home life, recreation environments, and substantive youth employment opportunities that impart job-readiness skills for a changing labor force; and

WHEREAS, families have the right to an accessible and reasonably priced County-wide transportation system that includes no cost/low cost transportation to public schools and after school programs; and

WHEREAS, families have the right to adequate, low-cost physical and mental health care; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Westchester County Board of Legislators supports and recommends the advancement of County policies and services, to be done in anticipation of, and in the promotion of the current and future needs of our families for stable and affordable housing, appropriate childcare opportunities, meaningful employment with relevant job training, intergenerational social, recreational and cultural activities, accessible public transportation, and adequate, low-cost physical and mental healthcare.