RESOLUTION No.:

Councilmember

offered the following:

A Resolution Recognizing the Month of October as American Pharmacists Month.

WHEREAS, historically the role of pharmacists was to check and distribute drugs to doctors for medication that had be prescribed to patients; and

WHEREAS, that role has evolved to involve duties such as advising patients and health care providers on the selection, dosages, interactions, and side effects of medications, as well as acting as a intermediary between a prescriber and a patient; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are often the first point of contact for patients with health inquiries, thus ensuring that they have a significant role in assessing medication management in patients and in referring patients to physicians; and

WHEREAS, Tuesday, October 18th is National Pharmacy Technician Day, a day for recognizing the invaluable contributions of pharmacy technicians nationwide; and

WHEREAS, located in the Hometown Health Centers at 1044 State Street, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences's College Hometown Pharmacy is the first student operated pharmacy in New York State; and

WHEREAS, College Hometown Pharmacy offers the dual benefit of (1) providing a distinctive and innovative experience for ACPHS students and (2) improving access to pharmacy services for members of the local community; and

WHEREAS, the opening of College Hometown Pharmacy has helped fill a void created when the pharmacy previously housed in that location closed. Its presence now means Hometown Health patients once again have convenient access to comprehensive on-site pharmacy services:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Gary R. McCarthy, and City Council do hereby pause in their deliberations to recognize the month of October as American Pharmacists Month.

Approved, as to form, this 11th day of October 2016.

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