



Resolution

Honoring the 40th Anniversary of the COMMUNITY HEALTH LAW PROJECT

WHEREAS, in 1976 the Community Health Law Project was established by the New Jersey State Bar Association and designated by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a legal aid society, and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Law Project, a statewide nonprofit advocacy and legal organization, has spent 40 years fulfilling its mission to provide legal and advocacy services, training, education and related activities to persons with disabilities and, in certain issues, to organizations representing their interests, with an emphasis on those most vulnerable and needy, and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Law Project is able to remove barriers, protect rights, and preserve independence for people with disabilities throughout the state on issues that cover the range of civil law through negotiation, litigation and advocacy, and

WHEREAS, in four decades of service it has assisted more than 75,000 low-income people with disabilities, and today serves roughly 5,000 people with disabilities annually and educates many more lawyers, health and social workers, as well as consumers and families through its conferences and programs, and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Law Project has served a critical role in reforms concerning conditions and rights of individuals throughout the state, including ensuring federally subsidized housing is open to people with mental health disabilities; that the state's municipal zoning laws cannot exclude group homes for people with disabilities in residential neighborhoods; that certain benefits cannot be used for child support obligations of parents with disabilities; that all new multifamily Mount Laurel housing must be adaptable for use by people with physical disabilities; that people discharged from psychiatric facilities are allowed to expunge commitment records; and the state Law Against Discrimination includes those with mental illness and developmental disabilities, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Community Health Law Project has left an indelible mark improving the lives of so many in New Jersey, leaving a legacy of protecting the rights and entitlements of persons living with disabilities through compassionate and zealous advocacy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the New Jersey State Bar Board of Trustees, along with its over 18,000 members, honors, recognizes and congratulates the Community Health Law Project for 40 years of success and progress, and looks forward to what more it can achieve to provide access to the courts for many who would not have otherwise been able to seek that redress.

I, Domenick Carmagnola, Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution approved by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 23, 2016. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary and affix the corporate seal of the New Jersey State Bar Association on this 23rd day of September, 2016.

DOMENICK CARMAGNOLA
SECRETARY
NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION