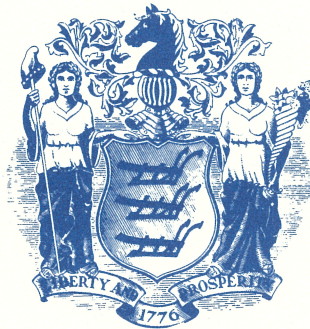


State of New Jersey



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator BUCCO, Assemblyman BERGEN and Assemblywoman DUNN

- WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Legislature is pleased to join the Interfaith Food Pantry and Resource Center in saluting Impact 100 Garden State, highly esteemed in the Garden State, in grateful recognition of its outstanding record of charity; and,
- WHEREAS**, Among the many accomplishments the organization has secured, the countless citizens its associates have aided, and the sterling reputation it has maintained throughout its history, Impact 100 Garden State has been selected by the Interfaith Food Pantry and Resource Center, also known as IFP, to be an honoree of its Annual Spring Gala, Together We Make an Impact, as a result of the dynamic partnership the two entities have built and utilized to improve the communities they serve; and,
- WHEREAS**, Chief among their shared successes was the \$100,000 grant bestowed by Impact 100 Garden State upon the IFP in 2016 to support the Healthy Choices Mobile Pantry Program, thus enabling the nonprofit to purchase a refrigerated van, hire the needed staff, and acquire high-quality, fresh produce and dairy items for distribution to Morris County residents through a network of agencies; and,
- WHEREAS**, As a result, the Mobile Food Pantry has allowed the IFP to have a presence in twenty-two locations throughout Morris County and tripled the number of people served from approximately 10,000 in 2016 to nearly 33,000 over the course of 2019; and,
- WHEREAS**, From its founding in 2013 by Carole R. Rogers, Impact 100 Garden State has earned a great deal of respect and admiration for its dedication to the power of women's collective giving, with its membership numbering one hundred thirty-five in its first year to its present status at three hundred forty-one women who, together, will award three grants of \$110,000 each to qualified and worthy nonprofits this year, totaling \$2,039,000 in grant-giving since its inception; and,
- WHEREAS**, Today, Impact 100 Garden State has benefitted immensely from the guidance of its Leadership Team, President Merle Johnson, Vice President Deborah Seme, Treasurer Mary Jane Robertson, and Secretary Elizabeth Hansen, as well as from the tireless devotion and abiding concern of Sue Carter, France Delle Donne, Christine Corra DiCesare, Lisa Firkser, Suzanne Boyle Herrmann, Marcia Hunter, Martha Lewis, Arleen Lipsman, Marijane R. Lundt, Donna B. McNamara, Storm P. Rose, and Susanne von der Linde; and,
- WHEREAS**, Within all spheres, Impact 100 Garden State has created a model to emulate and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,
- WHEREAS**, It is altogether proper and fitting for this Legislature to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Impact 100 Garden State and its importance to the people of New Jersey; now, therefore,
- Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*
- That his Legislature hereby lauds Impact 100 Garden State, pays tribute to its meritorious record of service and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for its continued success and vigor in all the years to come; and,
- Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Impact 100 Garden State.

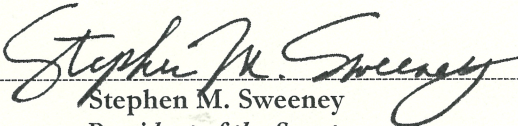
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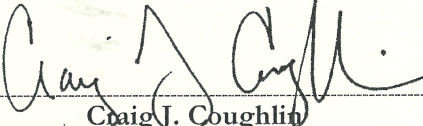


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