

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body that institutions that give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a 50th Anniversary Gala to be held at Sagtikos Manor on Sunday, May 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society was founded in 1963 by the then Islip Town Historian, George L. Weeks, Jr., and a small group interested in preserving the rich history of a growing and changing suburban area; and

WHEREAS, As stated in the Charter of the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society, the intent and purposes of the Society are to preserve and work for the preservation of historical buildings and landmarks in Suffolk County, New York, and to acquire, own and maintain one or more such landmarks and historical buildings, to maintain a museum and exhibit therein letters and other written material and artifacts of historical interest; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society was formed to promote and encourage historical research, and to foster and promote public knowledge of and interest in local and natural history; and

WHEREAS, At the time the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society was founded, the Sagtikos Manor was owned by Robert David Lion Gardiner; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Suffolk County acquired Sagtikos Manor; the county maintains the house and grounds and the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society contracts with the county to give tours of Sagtikos Manor and to cooperate in its restoration; and

WHEREAS, The Sagtikos Manor Historical Society has been able to fund many restorations both in the house and on the grounds as the result of fund raisers, grants and generous donations; all monies raised by the Society at the Manor go to the restoration program; and

WHEREAS, The G.L. Weeks Long Island History Collection, maintained by the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society, contains reference material pertaining to the history of Islip Town and Long Island; it is housed in the Higbie Lane Community Center in West Islip, New York; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, May 19, 2013, the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society will hold its 50th Anniversary Gala; this auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society.

