

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION Honoring Cheryl Gravelle upon the occasion of her retirement as the Librarian of the Williamson Free Public Library of Williamson, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of certain exemplary institutions and individuals whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor and commend Cheryl Gravelle upon the occasion of her retirement as the Librarian of the Williamson Free Public Library of Williamson, New York after 39 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the citizens and institutions of Williamson and surrounding Wayne County communities; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Gravelle served as the Library's Librarian for 39 years; her mother, Ethel Roche, instilled a love of reading in Cheryl at a very young age and suggested she might like to become a librarian; and

WHEREAS, The family is from Brighton, Monroe County, but moved to Williamson when Cheryl was eight; she graduated from Williamson High School and attended SUNY Oswego, graduating with a degree in education; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Gravelle worked as a substitute teacher for a while but, when she was offered a job at the Williamson Library in 1974 by then Director Lorriane Miller, Cheryl welcomed the opportunity and accepted; and

WHEREAS, She started as a Clerk and became Children's Specialist in 1989; in 1999 she was made Library Manager; and, in that role, she helped facilitate the planning and construction of Williamson's present library; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Gravelle also worked to improve the library's technology and automated its checkout system; she also saw the library transition from the Wayne County Library System to the Wayne-Ontario System to the Pioneer Library System, which includes the 42 libraries of Wayne, Livingston, Ontario and Wyoming counties; and

WHEREAS, 70,000 people come into the Williamson library each year; 70 percent of the residents of Williamson have a library card and, according to Hennen's American Public Library Ratings, Williamson has been one of the Top 10 libraries in the nation for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Under Cheryl Gravelle's leadership the library has introduced pre-school programs, a knitter's group, and the adult Book Ends book review club; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Gravelle rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Williamson Free Public Library and those it serves for 39 years; she has served with loyalty, honor and distinction and has justly earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Cheryl Gravelle upon the occasion of her retirement as the esteemed Librarian of the Williamson Free Public Library of Williamson, New York after 39 years of dedicated and distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cheryl Gravelle.