

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Brentwood Public Library

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Brentwood Public Library; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, the Brentwood community's first library opened in a cloakroom of the old firehouse on First Avenue; during the following 24 years, the library was located in a former store on First Avenue, the annex of the Brentwood Schools Administration Building, and a small building on the southwest corner of Third Avenue and Fourth Street; in 1961, the Brentwood Public Library relocated to its current site; and

WHEREAS, While Brentwood Public Library has remained at the address of 34 Second Avenue for more than 50 years, it has grown and changed to meet the needs of the community; two major expansions took place in 1961 and 1988, and two extensive renovations were made in 1978 and 2008, increasing the physical structure providing space for enhanced programs and services; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, the population of Brentwood was approximately 1,500; the library was open ten hours a week, and there was a collection of 500 books; today, the population is just over 87,000, and the library is open 72 hours a week along with access through its website; the collection exceeds 285,500 items; and

WHEREAS, The Brentwood Public Library has truly become the center of its community; it is a place to meet formally or informally, to study and conduct research, to develop job searching skills, as well as to learn and be entertained through a myriad of services that were unimaginable 75 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Brentwood Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Brentwood Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brentwood Public Library.