

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of The Manor Club in Pelham, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and 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 100th Anniversary of The Manor Club to be celebrated at a Centennial Gala on March 1, 2014, in Pelham, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Manor Club is a non-profit center for cultural, educational and philanthropic events with a proud history of community service to Pelham, New York, and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, The Manor Club was originally an all-male group incorporated in 1883; after facing declining membership and financial troubles, the all-female members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club were asked if they would be interested in taking over the club; an agreement was made in 1914, and these very capable women set the cornerstone for the ever-growing 300-member cultural venue it is today; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, The Manor Club has raised funds for community outreach through holding fashion shows, bridge parties, dances, concerts, and white elephant sales; and

WHEREAS, The Manor Club Scholarship Awards were established in 1944, helping numerous Pelham Memorial High School students to further their education; and

WHEREAS, The Manor Club is actively involved in a number of charitable programs including a fall coat drive, fundraisers, and the Manor Club Shares, a program allowing other philanthropic organizations use of its clubhouse as a venue for meetings; and

WHEREAS, The Club's youth group, the Do-Its, enlists the services of member's daughters in 5th to 10th grade to assist with projects such as the Children's Center Benefit, the Victorian Christmas Party for children and the Mary and The Boys Concert, as well as a planned fundraiser for the New Rochelle Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, One of the greatest assets of The Manor Club is its professional level theater productions and concerts which are open to the public; these productions have played a key role in enriching the life and culture of the overall community; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate The Manor Club's Centennial Anniversary, playwright and club member, Rosemary Foley, is writing a skit about the club's early history and director and actor Paul Romanello will present a musical production of the story of the Club's 100-year journey from the Silver Age of the Flapper to the sophistication of the 21st Century; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Manor Club, to be celebrated at a Centennial Gala on March 1, 2014, in Pelham, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Manor Club, Pelham, New York.