

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Village of Port Jefferson upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Anniversary of incorporation

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of communities across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Village of Port Jefferson in Suffolk County, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Anniversary of incorporation; and

WHEREAS, A group of citizens decided it was time for the people of Port Jefferson to take charge of their own destiny and become an autonomous community; the vote for incorporation was in December 1962, but because of court challenges, incorporation did not become official until April 1963; and

WHEREAS, Port Jefferson was originally called "Drowned Meadow"; today's business district was once a marshland which flooded twice a day at high tides; in 1655, the Setauket Indians sold the original parcel of land to Brookhaven settlers, and the beautiful sheltered harbor led to Drowned Meadow's glory days as a shipbuilding center; and

WHEREAS, The Port Jefferson Marina is one of the North Shore's top destinations for boaters in the northeast located in the Village of Port Jefferson; the calm waters of the harbor with a deep draft allow boaters easy access to local shops, restaurants and year-round entertainment all within a short walk from the docks; and

WHEREAS, Village Hall was built in 1967, four years after the Village was incorporated; it houses the clerk's office, mayor's office, village administrator's office, assessor's office, village justice court, treasurer's office, and the code enforcement bureau; and

WHEREAS, The historic Chandlery Building, originally owned by the Bayles family and part of the original Bayles shipyard was used as a provisioning store during Port Jefferson's ship building era; one of the last two standing 19th century structures on the waterfront, the Chandlery was built in 1897 to replace the original Chandlery that burned in the waterfront fire of that year; and

WHEREAS, Acquired by the Village as part of Harborfront park, this building is now over 114 years old, and has been completely renovated and restored to the period using historic photos to replicate the front porch, windows, rear deck and more; and

WHEREAS, During decades of growth and change, the Village of Port Jefferson has continued its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its residents, ensuring a safe, peaceful and educational climate for individuals and families, while working toward sustainability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Village of Port Jefferson in Suffolk County, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Anniversary of incorporation, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Village of Port Jefferson.