

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Laurie Scheinman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who 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 honor Laurie Scheinman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington to be celebrated at its Annual Gala Dinner on Friday, April 8, 2016, at Leonard's of Great Neck in Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1968, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington has been dedicated to creating a strong, unified and sustainable community in Port Washington, New York, and its surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Each year, at its Annual Gala, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington proudly honors those individuals who have worked to support its mission of helping to make Port Washington an outstanding community in which to live and work; and

WHEREAS, A respected Child and Family Therapist with close to 30 years of experience serving her community, Laurie Scheinman is the owner of Wit & Whim, a philanthropic gift boutique she founded in Port Washington in 2012; and

WHEREAS, As owner of Wit & Whim, Laurie Scheinman has created "a little store with a big heart" offering one-of-a-kind modern, vintage, handcrafted and Americana goods with 100% of profits being donated to a different local charity each month; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping others, Laurie Scheinman's store is also extremely generous with donations of raffle and auction gifts for the many charitable events that take place in Port Washington each year; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2015, this esteemed woman hosted a heartwarming "Hands Across the Water" holiday window display initiative where she encouraged participation from 80 elementary schools and senior citizen centers, and invited contributors from the Port Washington Senior Citizens Center for lunch in her shop and to view the lovely displays; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Scheinman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she has served as a benefactor and member of the Board of Advisors of the Scheinman Institute on Conflict Resolution, a consultant to the Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth Network and helped develop the Long Island Children's Museum Tot Spot; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Laurie serves on the Board of Directors of the Port Washington Chamber of Commerce and is a Lion Benefactor for the UJA Federation; she is also a passionate supporter of local artists, hosting events and art exhibits to display their work; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Laurie Scheinman is a 2015 May Newburger Women's Roll of Honor inductee, and her store received national recognition as one of HOME ACCENT TODAY magazine's 50 Retail Stars for 2015 and by 1010 WINS radio as one of New York's 50 best small businesses; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Marty, and their five children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of

the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Laurie Scheinman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laurie Scheinman.