

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John J. Wahlberg upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Bay Shore-Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore BID on May 26, 2016

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wahlberg has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John J. Wahlberg upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Bay Shore-Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore BID to be celebrated at its 16th Annual Award Dinner on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at Captain Bill's Restaurant, Bay Shore, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, John J. Wahlberg and his wife, Gale, moved to Bay Shore, New York, to help Gale's uncle, Joe Duffy, manage Duffy's Market on Main Street; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, John J. Wahlberg started a 35-year career with the Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO); in addition, he became a licensed electrician and a successful electrical contractor and businessman; and

WHEREAS, Through his work at Duffy's Market, LILCO and Wahlberg Electric, John J. Wahlberg built lifelong friendships which inspired him to become more active in the community; and

WHEREAS, For more than 50 years, John J. Wahlberg has been a proud member of the Penataquit Hose Company and an elected officer from 1975 through 1980 where he served as Captain; he also served as the Fire Department's Band Master from 1975 through 1981 and led the award winning band throughout New York State, and along the beaches of Fire Island; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John J. Wahlberg was active in the Bay Shore Athletic Sponsors, formerly the Quarterback Club, serving as President for two terms and selected as Man of the Year in 1976 and 1977; he also contributed his time and service to the Bay Shore Music Sponsors; and

WHEREAS, Since retiring in 2000, John J. Wahlberg has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, As one of the founding members of the Greater Bay Shore-Brightwaters Saint Patrick's Day Parade, John J. Wahlberg was honored as the parade's Grand Marshall in 2009; he serves as a member of the Long Island Maritime Museum, and currently serves on its Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wahlberg is a respected member of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore BID, and has served on its Executive Board for 15 years; he is also the sitting President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians - Division One, and serves on the Board of the Suffolk County Ancient Order of Hibernians; and

WHEREAS, Regularly offering his time to the community, John J. Wahlberg's volunteer activities are extensive, ranging from helping Atria residents into Saint Patrick's Church on Sunday mornings, fixing lights in the Bay Shore Beautification Society's Reflection Garden, setting up the sound system for the Summertime in the Park Concert

Series at the Band Shell, or proudly raising our American flags along Main Street; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Gale, and his three daughters, Deirdre, Karen, and Erin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, John J. Wahlberg has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which John J. Wahlberg has displayed throughout his life; 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 recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John J. Wahlberg upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Bay Shore-Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore BID; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John J. Wahlberg.