

**BY:** Senator MARCELLINO

**HONORING** Lucy Raskin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency on March 22, 2018

**WHEREAS,** Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lucy Raskin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency, to be celebrated at its Hall of Honor event on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at the Woodbury Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Lucy Raskin's passion for charity began in middle school when she volunteered at the AHRC after her best friend's sister was born with Down Syndrome; from this point forward she was committed to giving back to her community and actively creating a world that she could be proud of; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1988, Lucy Raskin began raising funds for the Pediatric Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, during which time she also worked with Forward Face, a group that helps children with severe facial deformities; and

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, she volunteered with Island Harvest, the largest hunger relief organization on Long Island, collecting food from local restaurants and food stores and delivering them to soup kitchens and food pantries; and

**WHEREAS,** It was through this experience that Lucy Raskin became involved with Tri-Care and many other Long Island charities dedicated to helping marginalized citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering dedication to her community, Lucy Raskin has tirelessly volunteered with such organizations as Head Start Huntington, Temple Beth-El social action committee, the Tri Community and Youth Agency (Tri CYA) of Huntington, and the VA of Northport; and

**WHEREAS,** Lucy Raskin has given unselfishly and generously to the Tri CYA where she directly mentored students, and has been a longtime volunteer for Project T.O.Y.; and

**WHEREAS,** A devoted wife and mother, Lucy Raskin gives to her family with the same passion and commitment she has for helping those in need; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Lucy Raskin has displayed throughout her life; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout have been her husband of 43 years, Mark, and their two sons, Scott and Michael, as well as two grandchildren, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Lucy Raskin, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lucy Raskin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency on March 22, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lucy Raskin.