

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMEMORATING the 20th Anniversary of the
Manhasset Bay Protection Committee on June 11, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of organizations which are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee to be celebrated at an event on Monday, June 11, 2018, at Inspiration Wharf in Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of their shared interests and an understanding that water quality and coastal issues are best addressed on a coordinated, watershed level, North Hempstead, Nassau County, and 11 of the now 13 watershed villages voluntarily entered into an inter-municipal agreement for water quality planning purposes in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee consists of 15 member municipalities which all voluntarily entered into an inter-municipal agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Committee strives to protect, restore, and enhance Manhasset Bay, ensuring a healthy and diverse marine ecosystem while balancing and maintaining recreational and commercial uses; and

WHEREAS, This vital committee's first accomplishment was securing a New York State Department of State grant to complete a Water Quality Improvement Grant, which outlined steps and projects to improve water and habitat quality in Manhasset Bay; and

WHEREAS, In spring of 1999, the Manhasset Bay Water Quality Improvement Plan was completed; it identified bacteria-pathogens, sediment, nutrients, and litter/debris as the major non-point source pollutants affecting Manhasset Bay, and storm-water run-off as the major conduit; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of Executive Director Sarah Deonarine, the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee continues to protect its natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of its residents and all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly

enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of organizations who are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee on June 11, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sarah Deonarine, Executive Director, Manhasset Bay Protection Committee.