

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING Suzanne Clary upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 3rd Annual Women's History Month Celebration on March 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Women's History Month, celebrated each year in March, is a time to reflect upon and pay tribute to the women of our State and Nation for their contributions to their communities and their professions; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that women of every economic, ethnic, and religious background have made significant contributions to their community and to the State of New York, and it is appropriate to recognize them and to publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Suzanne Clary upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 3rd Annual Women's History Month Celebration on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at The Rye Arts Center, Rye, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Westchester County, Suzanne Clary has truly devoted herself to the welfare of her community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Clary served as a Policy Board member of the Legal Aid Society of New York, Civil Division, for more than a decade, during which time she raised funds for its Early Intervention Program serving underprivileged, homeless and foster children; and

WHEREAS, During her 12-year tenure as President of the Jay Heritage Center (JHC), Suzanne Clary spearheaded a landmark public-private partnership agreement with New York State Parks and Westchester County to ensure continued preservation of, and public access to, the historic buildings and landscape of the 23-acre Jay Estate; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she expanded the breadth of community programming at JHC, especially in Early American History, African American History and Environmental Stewardship; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her tireless diversity outreach and advocacy, Suzanne Clary earned a Visionary Award from the African American Men's Association of Westchester in 2011; she is also the proud recipient of the 2010 and 2013 Historic Preservation Awards from the Garden Club of America; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, this extraordinary woman received the 2018 Sy Schulman History Award from Westchester County Historical Society for her research and strong commitment to elevating the public's

appreciation of local history; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Clary currently serves as a Trustee of the Preservation League of New York State, and as a Board Member of Preservation Action, an advocacy group in Washington, D. C.; she is also the Stewardship Chair of the Friends of American Art at Yale University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband and two children, all of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned our recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Suzanne Clary upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 3rd Annual Women's History Month Celebration on March 23, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Suzanne Clary.