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COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the New
Rochelle Public Library Foundation on May 9, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary organizations whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the New Rochelle Public Library to be observed at a Gala on Thursday, May 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The New Rochelle Public Library (NRPL) Foundation was established in 1993, on the occasion of the library's 100th Anniversary; the foundation was officially launched with a Gala Centennial Celebration on April 30, 1994, featuring prominent local residents who shared the belief that a vibrant library is an essential component of a culturally dynamic city like New Rochelle; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation's first major project, the Reach for Tomorrow Campaign, was launched in the late 1990s to renovate the entire second floor and to build an endowment fund to ensure the facility and programs stay up-to-date and to meet the needs of New Rochelle's residents; and

WHEREAS, As technology has advanced, the Foundation has focused on updating the Library facility, computers, software and programming in an effort to ensure that modern technology is accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the NRPL Foundation has funded all or part of numerous critical upgrades and modernization projects including the renovation of the children's room, lobby, gallery area, the reference and information service area, and the adult reading room; and

WHEREAS, This vital foundation implemented the One City, One Book Community Reading Initiative, Spanish Storytime, and various programs for both children and teenagers; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the NRPL Foundation redesigned the Library's website; replaced worn, popular fiction books; established a foreign language book collection; added to the E.L. Doctorow Local History Room Collection; and provided funding for electronic newsletters and e-book collection of adult fiction and nonfiction titles; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens

of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation on May 9, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation.