

BY: Senator REICHLIN-MELNICK

COMMEMORATING the 66th Anniversary of the Rockland
Music Conservatory of Pearl River, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those cultural institutions and organizations whose commitment to promoting the richness and diversity of the arts and entertainment world has contributed to the strength, vitality, and cultural enrichment of their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 66th Anniversary of the Rockland Music Conservatory of Pearl River, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1956 by musicians Janet and Ed Simons, the Rockland Music Conservatory (RCM) is a community music school and center for the performing arts, created to provide quality professional music instruction to students of diverse ages, abilities and financial backgrounds and to provide a community forum for performing arts, culture and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of Executive Director Marigene Kettler, RCM's ADA accessible, "green" building is comprised of 11 teaching studios and an 85-seat recital hall which serves not only its student body of 450, but also thousands of community residents through various performances, events and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Students participate in numerous programs including individual lessons in most instruments; group classes in Suzuki string and guitar methods, chamber quartet, string orchestra, JazzCats Band and Youth Chorus; Creative Aging Initiative: Main Street Singers chorus and songwriting workshop; music therapy, individual sessions and group for physically and mentally challenged children, teenagers and adults; therapeutic choirs for teenagers on the autism spectrum and with traumatic brain injuries, and All Tuned In for those with dementia and their caregivers; concerts by students and faculty for under-served community residents in nursing homes and at non-profit events; and Overtures Concert Series, which provides professional world-class music performances on its own stage or virtually; and

WHEREAS, The success of RCM is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteer Board of Directors, 25 professional faculty members, and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; 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 66th Anniversary of the Rockland Music Conservatory of Pearl River, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marigene Kettler, Executive Director, Rockland Music Conservatory.