

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Wolffer Estate Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Governor's Cup Award by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on July 12, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing economic well-being of the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Wolffer Estate Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Governor's Cup Award by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation at its 36th Annual New York Wine Classic on Tuesday, July 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The 36th Annual New York Wine Classic, a nationally recognized competition highlighting the best of New York's wine, recognized Wolffer Estate Vineyard with its Governor's Cup, the most esteemed award given at the Classic; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Cup, a large silver chalice, recognizes the "Best of Show" or top prize of all entries in the New York Wine Classic; and

WHEREAS, Seeing an unprecedented growth over the past few years and allowing wine enthusiasts to enjoy this unique part of the New York experience across the state, Wolffer Estate Vineyard has truly showcased why New York State is a premier wine destination; and

WHEREAS, In addition to winning the Governor's Cup, Wolffer Estate Vineyard, based in Sagaponack, New York, also received a Platinum Medal for Best Dessert Wine with their 2020 Diosa Late-Harvest; and

WHEREAS, Judging for the New York State Wine Classic took place from April 15 through June 15, 2022, and included 694 entries from 101 wineries across the state, with the Wolffer Estate Vineyard finishing at the top; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Christian Wolffer in 1988, the vineyard has been one of the finest producers of wine in New York State for over 30 years; Wolffer Estate Vineyard is currently owned and operated by the founder's children, Marc and Joey Wolffer, along with Winemaker and Partner Roman Roth; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Marc and Joey Wolffer and Roman Roth, the success of Wolffer Estate Vineyard is a true testament to its unwavering dedication to over three decades of extraordinary winemaking on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 30-year history, Wolffer Estate Vineyard has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Wolffer Estate Vineyard is in direct correlation to the efforts of its devoted 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Wolffer Estate Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Governor's Cup Award by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wolffer Estate Vineyard, Sagaponack, New York.