

BY: Senator REICHLIN-MELNICK

COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the Dennis
P. McHugh Piermont Public Library

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 125th Anniversary of the Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library to be celebrated on Sunday, September 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this momentous occasion, the Piermont Public Library is inviting village residents to have a voice in how Piermont is remembered by providing online "Oral History Chaperones" to schedule and conduct recording sessions for its project, Piermont Remembers; and

WHEREAS, On September 23, 1896, The Free Library of the Piermont Improvement Association registered with the University of the State of New York; the certificate is signed by Melvil Dewey, then Secretary of the Public Library Department in Albany, New York, who is well-known for inventing the Dewey Decimal Classification for libraries; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished 125-year history, the Piermont Public Library has remained true to its mission to assemble, preserve and administer books and related educational and recreational material; to enlighten citizenship and to enrich personal lives; to serve the community as a center of reliable information; to provide a place where inquiring minds may encounter the original, sometimes unorthodox or critical thought so necessary to a society that depends on the free competition of ideas; and to identify community needs and to provide programs of service to meet such needs; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of its community, this remarkable institution has continually strived to respond to the changing needs of its diverse communities, truly providing outstanding service to the entire population of neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the Piermont Public Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of its librarians 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 organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Piermont Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks

forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library.