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HONORING Deborah Beahan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deborah Beahan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, A native New Yorker, Deborah "Debbie" Beahan was born and raised along with her two brothers and one sister in Ticonderoga, New York by her parents, Adolph and Helen Diskin; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Deborah Beahan and her two children moved to Hudson Falls, New York; a public servant in Washington County for more than three decades, she worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles for 20 years and spent 12 years as County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, While working at DMV, Debbie met her beloved husband, Thomas, with whom she shared 33 wonderful years until his passing in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, Deborah Beahan has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Beahan began volunteering for the Special Olympics in the 1980s as a coach for bowling and track and field; she has also been involved with the Heart Fund and was the Treasurer for a political Washington County Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Deborah Beahan helped and participated in the Breast Cancer Walk, and served on the local Public Health Committee; and

WHEREAS, For the past nine years, Deborah Beahan has been a dedicated volunteer at the Senior Center of the Kingsbury and Fort Edward Area, Inc., where she is an integral part of its busy day-to-day operations, coordinating programs, activities and fundraisers, and serving as a meal site manager; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she serves as President on the Board of Directors for the Senior Center of the Kingsbury and Fort Edward Area and is the center's OsteoBusters program leader with the AmeriCorps Seniors/Warren/Washington RSVP volunteers; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman is also a Cardio Drumming Instructor, and during the pandemic, she kept all the members informed about COVID-19 testing and vaccination information; in addition, she procured and installed the "My Senior Center" software program which reports membership, personnel, events, meals, and transportation statistics; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; in 1999, she was honored by the Department of Motor Vehicles for her hard work, dedication, and contributions to her community; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her daughter, Rachel (Jason), her son, Brian, and two grandchildren, Isabella and Aidan, as well as two step-children, Beth and Stephanie, three step-grandchildren, Matt, Tony and Morgan, and four step-great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Deborah Beahan has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Beahan, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Deborah Beahan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deborah Beahan.