

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Pindar Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist 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 the 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 Pindar Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist 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 is a nationally recognized competition highlighting the best of New York's wine; 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, this extraordinary vineyard has truly showcased why New York State is a premier wine destination; and

WHEREAS, Pindar Vineyards was awarded for its 2017 Cuvee Rare Methode Champenoise Pinot Meunier, 2019 Cabernet Franc, 2019 Reserve Barrel Select Merlot, 2019 Syrah, 2020 Dr. Dan's Signature Collection White Blend, 2020 Gamay, 2021 Riesling, 2021 Rose, and 2021 Sauvignon Blanc; and

WHEREAS, Founder of Pindar Vineyards, Dr. Herodotus "Dan" Damianos, helped create the winemaking industry on Long Island in the early 1980s; his dream, over 41 years, turned Pindar Vineyards into Long Island's best known wine producer; and

WHEREAS, Pindar Vineyards encompasses more than 500 scenic acres; they grow 17 varieties of grapes, crafting them into 23 varietals and proprietary blends, producing an incredible 70,000 cases of wine in a year, making them the largest vineyard on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, this esteemed vineyard has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Pindar Vineyards is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated owners 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 businesses and the communities they serve; 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 it will continue to enjoy the same sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pindar Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on July 12, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pindar Vineyards.