

Senate Resolution No. 2597

BY: Senator MANNION

HONORING Barbara J. Dix for her continued service to Oswego County, a 47-year record of civic excellence

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge outstanding individuals within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara J. Dix for her continued service to Oswego County, a 47-year record of civic excellence, to be celebrated on her 90th birthday on June 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Dix began her illustrious career in 1977 as Historian of both the Town of Schroepfel and the Village of Phoenix, New York, during which time she planned and implemented the town's 150th Anniversary celebration and conducted research on the Phoenix Fire of 1916 and Treasure Island; and

WHEREAS, After holding town and village historian roles for over a decade, Barbara J. Dix accepted a position as Historian of Oswego County from 1990 until 2003; and

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Dix was instrumental in the creation of the New York State Historians Association where she served as president from 1998 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Oswego County Historian, Barbara J. Dix formed and worked with the Underground Railroad Council as chair of the Oswego County Underground Railroad Commission from 1993 to 2000, and began archival research in the second county in New York State to undertake such work; and

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Dix also created the Oswego County Records Management and was the Director of the operation during her time as the Oswego County Historian; she designed the physical setup after finding a location for operations within the old sheriff's office, and established the blind numbering system; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Barbara J. Dix was named the New York State Local Historian of the Year for excellence in promoting and bringing to life the history of Oswego County; she returned to her position as the Historian of the Village of Phoenix in 2004, and one year later, returned to her position as Historian of the Town of Schroepfel; she continues to serve in both capacities to this day, holding the position of historian for nearly a half-century in Oswego County; and

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

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Barbara J. Dix, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara J. Dix for her outstanding devotion to the history of Oswego County, and to celebrate the joyous occasion of her 90th birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara J. Dix.