

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of the Rye
Historical Society

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations that embrace the historical significance and contributions of their localities which strengthen the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Rye Historical Society to be celebrated at the Shenorock Shore Club in Rye, New York, on Friday, June 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, During this celebration, Susan Morison, former Executive Director of the Rye Historical Society, long-time volunteer, and Member of its Board of Trustees, will be the honored guest; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, the Rye Historical Society was founded by a group of concerned citizens who shared the inclination to preserve, restore, and protect the Square House, an 18th-century inn on the Village Green in Rye, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since the restoration was completed, the Rye Historical Society has maintained the Square House as a museum; in 1980, the Society received accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, the Rye Historical Society acquired and restored the Timothy Knapp House, Westchester County's oldest house, opening it to the public in 2001; utilizing it as an archival and research center is the purpose of the historic treasure; and

WHEREAS, A non-profit organization devoted to researching, preserving, and celebrating the unique heritage of Rye, New York, the Rye Historical Society continues to maintain its purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Charter from the New York State Department of Education states the Rye Historical Society's mission: to bring together people interested in the history of the area; to discover, collect, and preserve materials which help to establish or illustrate the history of the area; to provide for the preservation of historic buildings, monuments, and markers; and to disseminate a knowledge of local history and to foster a public awareness of, and pride in, the historic heritage of the Rye community; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Rye Historical Society serves the residents of the Rye, New York, area through school visits and programs, vacation and summer camp programs, lectures, exhibits, walking tours, and numerous family and community events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Rye Historical Society is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that, when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Rye Historical Society and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rye Historical Society.