

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Friends and Trustees Inc. of Raynham Hall Museum upon the occasion of hosting their Annual Benefit "Love Re-Awakened", and paying tribute to this year's honorees on May 6, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Friends and Trustees of Raynham Hall Museum upon the occasion of hosting their Annual Benefit "Love Re-Awakened", and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Muttontown Country Club in East Norwich, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees are **The North Shore Leader**, Anton Media Group, and Richner Communications/**Oyster Bay Herald Guardian**, all of whom are being recognized for their steadfast and unremitting commitment to their community; and

WHEREAS, **The North Shore Leader** has been a vitally important institution on the North Shore for over 27 years and is known in the communities that it serves for its quality journalism and effective involvement in the issues that touch the lives of so many residents; each week, the newspaper reaches thousands of Gold Coast readers, covering and reaching all the communities from Manhasset in the West to Northport in the East and everything in between; and

WHEREAS, Angela Susan Anton is a dynamic and innovative business leader, philanthropist, and publisher of Anton Media Group; established in 1984, the group consists of community newspapers, magazines, specialty publications, and digital sites that cover local markets throughout Nassau County, New York; since its inception, Angela Susan Anton has strived to deliver high quality hyper-local news as well as targeted niche and lifestyle publications; and

WHEREAS, Owned by Richner Communications, which is led by CEO and publisher Stuart Richner, the **Oyster Bay Herald Guardian**, now known today as the **Oyster Bay Herald**, was founded in 1899; throughout the last 124 years, it has stayed true to its mission of serving Oyster Bay and the surrounding villages, providing important information for those who live and work in the communities often overlooked by other media outlets; and

WHEREAS, Located at 20 West Main Street in Oyster Bay on Long Island, the Raynham Hall Museum was the home of the Townsend family, who helped settle the town, and who were members of George Washington's

Culper Ring of Spies; the house was renamed Raynham Hall after the Townsend seat in Norfolk, England, in 1850 by a grandson of the original owner; and

WHEREAS, Today, the historic home is owned by the Town of Oyster Bay and operated as a public museum by the Friends of Raynham Hall Museum, Inc.; in addition, Raynham Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a Town of Oyster Bay Landmark, and is a featured site on the Oyster Bay History Walk audio walking tour; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Friends and Trustees Inc. of Raynham Hall Museum upon the occasion of hosting their Annual Benefit "Love Re-Awakened", and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on May 6, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Friends and Trustees Inc. of Raynham Hall Museum, **The North Shore Leader**, Anton Media Group, and Richner Communications/**Oyster Bay Herald Guardian**.