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HONORING Andrea Weinreb for her outstanding advocacy, education, and fundraising efforts for lymphedema awareness

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals committed to helping to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrea Weinreb, a resident of Chappaqua, New York, for her outstanding advocacy, education, and fundraising efforts for lymphedema awareness, in conjunction with the observance of World Lymphedema Day on March 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, World Lymphedema Day brings awareness to this often-debilitating disease that millions are born with, but which many times is the result of cancer treatment, and helps find strength through collective celebration and is also set aside to honor inspirational lymphedema patients and advocates; and

WHEREAS, Up to 10 million Americans, and 250 million worldwide, live with either primary lymphedema or secondary lymphedema, including many that have received treatment for cancer; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Andrea Weinreb was diagnosed with lymphedema as a result of cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Weinreb, along with her husband Bruce, began their awareness and fundraising efforts in 2009, when they joined the Lymphatic Education and Research Network (LE&RN), a New York based not-for-profit organization celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, In 2010 they participated in the inaugural NY Run/Walk to Fight Lymphedema & Lymphatic Diseases. Andrea has consistently been a top fundraiser at these Run/Walks; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Weinreb is a founding member of the New York State Chapter of LE&RN; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Weinreb and her husband lobbied in Washington, D.C. and New York State on behalf of all New Yorkers living with lymphatic disease; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Weinreb gave the keynote address at the 2018 NY Run/Walk to Fight Lymphedema and Lymphatic Diseases; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Weinreb has worked tirelessly to promote lymphedema

and lymphatic disease education, research and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Weinreb continues to be a positive role model for all lymphedema and lymphatic disease patients; 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 honor Andrea Weinreb for her outstanding advocacy and promotion of lymphedema education and awareness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably embossed, be transmitted to Andrea Weinreb and the Lymphatic Education and Research Network.