

BY: M. of A. McMahon

HONORING Dr. Bindukumar Nair upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Pride Award by the Council of Heritage and Arts of India, Inc.

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bindukumar Nair has given not only of his time and energies but also of his skill, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Bindukumar Nair upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Pride Award by the Council of Heritage and Arts of India, Inc., celebrated at its 3rd Annual Dinner Gala on Friday, December 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nair was born in the southernmost state of India, Kerala; he is a Scientist by profession with a Doctorate in Nuclear Physics and Specialization in Cancer and HIV research, and has worked as a Principal Scientist for a Biotech firm and has faculty appointments at both the University at Buffalo and Roswell Park Cancer Institute; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to helping others, Dr. Nair's legacy is engraved in his humble and selfless service to the community, never seeking recognition or reward; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nair has been a member of the Hindu Cultural Society of Western New York since 2012, and was elected president in 2019 and 2020; he is the Founding President of Kairali Buffalo, and served as General Secretary of Kaveri Sangam through 2020; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Dr. Nair served as Project Director of the charitable foundation You First Services (YFS), sponsoring the schooling of disadvantaged girls in rural Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; he has also been closely affiliated with several religious and educational groups, including Chinmaya Mission Buffalo, Sai Group, and Amma Satsang to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he served as the General Secretary for the India Association of Buffalo during 2015-16, when the first ever India Mela was celebrated at Canalside; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Nair has stood constant in dignity, good grace, and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an

individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Nair has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his beautiful wife, Priya, and their wonderful children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 Dr. Bindu Nair, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Bindukumar Nair upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Pride Award by the Council of Heritage and Arts of India, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Bindukumar Nair.