

Assembly Resolution No. 873

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COMMENDING the Teatown Lake Reservation upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Eaglefest on February 3, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals and organizations within the great State of New York that are dedicated to the vital work of environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Teatown Lake Reservation upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Eaglefest on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Croton Point Park, Croton-On-Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the 20th year, Teatown Lake Reservation will offer the community an opportunity to experience the peaceful and beautiful art of birdwatching; attendees can take a bird walk, view eagles through spotting scopes, learn about adventure technology, visit one of the heated tents with educational displays and collaborators' exhibits, and can also visit one or all of the many bird shows in the Eagle Theatre or Eaglet Stage; and

WHEREAS, EagleFest will feature food trucks, a jam-packed schedule of events, multiple heated tents, and a myriad of live bird shows throughout the day: including, at the Eagle Theater, Brian Robinson presenting Birds of Prey, Christine Peyreigne's Raptors and Christine's Critters, Bobby Horvath's Rescued Raptors of Long Island, and Brian Bradley will present Sky Hunters in Flight; at the Eaglet Stage, Anne Swaim will present Raptors for Rookies, Maddy Schroeder will discuss Hudson Valley Wildlife: Birds and Mammals, Emily Edmonds-Langham will talk about Birding Basics: Beginner Birding for Families, and Mathew McDowell will present Beyond the Bird Feeder; and

WHEREAS, Between the months of December and March, bald eagles migrate from Canada, Northern New York and Northern New England to the lower Hudson Valley region to feed on fish in unfrozen waters; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, prior to 1995, the bald eagle was listed as an endangered species and eventually removed in 2007 after years of bald eagle conservation programs by vital organizations such as the Teatown Lake Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Teatown Lake Reservation is a nonprofit, environmental organization which has a 1,000 acre preserve in the lower Hudson Valley; the land is utilized by schools, scouts, families and other groups wishing to experience and learn about nature and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Since 2002, the Teatown Lake Reservation has hosted Eaglefest, where countless bird watchers come to see the bald eagles feed and mate; this auspicious event has allowed people to consistently

see this majestic animal in its natural environment, while providing people with the opportunity to learn about saving and preserving the bald eagle in American history; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Eaglefest offers the chance for visitors to speak with animal rights advocates and ambassadors, take bus tours of the reservation, and learn about other wildlife in need of protection from extinction; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of organizations that are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Teatown Lake Reservation upon the occasion of hosting its 20th Annual Eaglefest on February 3, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Teatown Lake Reservation.