

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Sean Rainey upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Manhasset Great Neck Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. on June 20, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sean Rainey upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Manhasset Great Neck Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. at its Spring Gala on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at Leonard's Palazzo, Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sean Rainey currently serves as the Executive Director of the North Hempstead Housing Authority (NHHA); and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving in this esteemed position, Sean Rainey was the Director of Portfolio Management for Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) where he managed a \$250,000,000 portfolio and oversaw the marketing and sale of State surplus properties such as Wassaic Psychiatric Center, Empire Specialty Steel and Creedmoor Psychiatric Center; and

WHEREAS, After leaving ESDC, Sean Rainey joined the Nassau County Department of Real Estate Planning and Development where he was the lead person managing \$100,000,000 in open space acquisition and the sale of hundreds of Nassau County surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, Since joining NHHA in 2010, Sean Rainey has worked tirelessly to change the philosophy of affordable housing within the Town of North Hempstead by ensuring his residents are treated with the upmost respect and live in a beautiful, clean and most importantly, safe community; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he has worked with his Board to re-develop Spinney Hill Homes and Pond View Homes into high quality housing which are admired by all who visit them; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Sean Rainey, the North Hempstead Housing Authority is currently building a 77 unit senior-only development in Westbury, which is the first new housing authority development in North Hempstead in over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the NHHA has upgraded all of its existing housing and has recently received an award for the complete

redevelopment of Laurel Homes in Roslyn Heights; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Saint John's University, Sean Rainey resides in East Norwich where he holds the position of Vice President for both the East Norwich Civic Association and the Committee for the Beautification of East Norwich; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Diane, and their four sons, Brendan, Aidan, Colin and Quinn, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sean Rainey has displayed throughout his life; 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 Sean Rainey, 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 Sean Rainey upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Manhasset Great Neck Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sean Rainey.