

BY: Senator BOYLE

COMMENDING Belinda Pagdanganan upon the occasion of her retirement after nearly 29 years of distinguished service as Manager of Government Relations for Suffolk County

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Belinda Pagdanganan upon the occasion of her retirement after nearly 29 years of distinguished service as Manager of Government Relations for Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Belinda "Bel" Pagdanganan earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of the Philippines and her Master of Business Administration degree from Dowling College; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her long and distinguished career, Belinda Pagdanganan held the title of Manager of Government Relations for Suffolk County; in this capacity, she worked closely with all levels of government to build working relationships, collaborate closely with stakeholders, especially elected officials, advocate for the company's interests before policy makers, and protect the company's reputation; and

WHEREAS, In this position, Belinda Pagdanganan also worked with National Grid, continuing her proactive efforts to advance the company's initiative with elected officials and relevant stakeholders in the areas of gas infrastructure expansion/investment, resiliency and storm preparedness, consumer advocacy programs, gas safety and reliability, compliance and gas system integrity; and

WHEREAS, Belinda Pagdanganan also worked in emergency planning for the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant and then focused on utility preparedness under the former LILCO/KeySpan Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Belinda Pagdanganan served as the Suffolk County Director of Emergency Preparedness and later, as Deputy Commissioner of Suffolk County's Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, For over 25 years, Belinda Pagdanganan has been an active member of the Brentwood Fire Department, where she served as Captain of the Fire Prevention Company for 10 years and is currently, a member of Engine Company 5; and

WHEREAS, Belinda Pagdanganan serves as a Trustee of Suffolk County Community College and is a participant of the College Foundation's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, A proud Filipina, Belinda Pagdanganan has been a participant of the Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board for approximately 15 years; and

WHEREAS, For the past 29 years, Belinda Pagdanganan rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Suffolk County; in her capacity as Manager of Government Relations, she served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Belinda Pagdanganan was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with Suffolk County, Belinda Pagdanganan earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Belinda Pagdanganan upon the occasion of her retirement after nearly 29 years of distinguished service as Manager of Government Relations for Suffolk County, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Belinda Pagdanganan.