

**BY:** Senator STEC

**COMMENDING** Deborah Beahan upon the occasion of her designation as an Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year by the Washington County Office for the Aging

**WHEREAS,** Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Deborah Beahan upon the occasion of her designation as an Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year by the Washington County Office for the Aging to be celebrated at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; this year's theme is "Age My Way"; and

**WHEREAS,** Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Deborah "Debbie" Beahan was born to Adolph and Helen Diskin in Ticonderoga, New York; in 1974, she and her two children moved to Hudson Falls, New York, where she worked for the Washington County Department of Motor Vehicles for 20 years and 12 years as County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS,** While she was working at Motor Vehicles, Deborah Beahan met and married her husband, Thomas, who passed away in 2015, after 33 years of marriage; and

**WHEREAS,** For numerous years, Deborah Beahan has volunteered her time and energies to various organizations such as the Heart Fund and the Special Olympics where she served as a coach for both bowling and track and field; and

**WHEREAS,** Through Washington County, Deborah Beahan helped and participated in the Breast Cancer Walk and served on Public Health's Health Committee for employees; for her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her community, she was honored by the Department of Motor Vehicles in 1999; and

**WHEREAS,** For the past nine years, Deborah Beahan has been an active volunteer at the Senior Center of Kingsbury & Fort Edward Area, Inc.; in this capacity, she serves as President of the Board of Directors and

meal site manager, supervises the kitchen, and coordinates programs, activities, and fundraisers; and

**WHEREAS,** Deborah Beahan is also the Senior Center's OsteoBusters program leader with the AmeriCorps Seniors/Warren/Washington RSVP volunteers and is a Cardio Drumming instructor; she also procured and installed the "My Senior Center" software program that reports membership, personnel, events, meals, and transportation statistics; and

**WHEREAS,** During the COVID-19 pandemic, Deborah Beahan diligently worked to keep all the members informed about COVID-19 testing and vaccination information; and

**WHEREAS,** When she is not helping someone, Deborah Beahan enjoys spending time with her daughter, Rachel and son-in-law, Jason; her son, Brian; two grandchildren, Isabella and Aidan; two stepchildren, Beth and Stephanie; three step-grandchildren, Matt, Tony, and Morgan; and four step-great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** This kindhearted and compassionate woman truly believes volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

**WHEREAS,** Deborah Beahan, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Deborah Beahan upon the occasion of her designation as an Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year by the Washington County Office for the Aging; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deborah Beahan.