

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Mindy Germain upon the occasion of her
designation for special recognition by Residents
Forward on June 3, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mindy Germain upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Residents Forward to be celebrated at its Gala '22 on Friday, June 3, 2022, at the North Hempstead Beach Park Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, Residents Forward is a non-profit organization which strives to inspire and unify the residents of Port Washington, New York, to protect and advance the vibrancy, resiliency, sustainability and beauty of its peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Mindy Germain is being recognized for her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to Residents Forward, and her community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Through this vital organization's mantra "No Dream Too Big, No Job Too Small," Mindy Germain has tirelessly worked to make Port Washington a better place for its residents to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, For 13 years, Mindy Germain served as the Executive Director of Resident Forward and is currently, the Vice President of its Board of Directors; throughout her tenure, she has always strived to continue the organization's steadfast tradition of environmental advocacy; and

WHEREAS, As the former Executive Director of Residents Forward, Mindy Germain was instrumental in the implementation of various initiatives which have greatly benefitted the community including Clean Green Main Street, a cigarette butt recycling program, the Green Team Environmental Leader educational program, Long Island's first Youth Climate Summit, and the Trash Talkin' and Every Drop Counts educational exhibits at Bay Walk; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, residents were encouraged to use the NICE commuter shuttle, kicked off Let's Walk PW, launched the Port Washington Mural Project, and revamped the gardens in front of the Post Office, Train Station and Blumenfeld Park; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her valuable work with Residents Forward, Mindy Germain founded Eco-Leap LLC, a consulting firm that helps

communities and companies identify steps which create leaps in climate resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Mindy Germain has also served as a Port Washington Water District (PWWD) Commissioner since 2013 and has led the Western Nassau County Aquifer Committee since 2015; recently, she launched the PWWD's "Do It for Port" education and action series and started a newspaper column, "Germain on Water"; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Victor, and their three children, Sophie, Gabriel, and Harry, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Mindy Germain has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mindy Germain upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Residents Forward on June 3, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mindy Germain.