

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**HONORING** Melissa Vissicchio 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 Melissa Vissicchio 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,** Melissa Vissicchio is being recognized for her steadfast and unremitting 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," Melissa Vissicchio has tirelessly worked to make Port Washington a better place for its residents to live, work and play; and

**WHEREAS,** After moving to Port Washington in 2008, Melissa Vissicchio quickly became an active part of her community, diligently working to create a strong, beautiful, environmentally conscious community to raise her family; and

**WHEREAS,** When her children were younger, Melissa Vissicchio took active executive roles within the Home School Associations at Daly and Weber, rising to the role of co-President; as a board member of the Property Owners' Association of Harbor Acres, she runs social events, organizes the annual beach clean-up, and personally maintains the beach garden; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2018, Melissa Vissicchio joined Residents Forward, and since then, she has strived to keep the waterfront and Main Street of Port Washington a place for residents and visitors alike to enjoy; as Chair of the Beautification Committee, she can often be found working in the Residents Forward gardens; and

**WHEREAS,** Melissa Vissicchio has been instrumental in launching Residents Forward's annual Backyard Garden Tour and has been a guiding force in the Port Washington Mural Project, helping to develop five

murals that capture unique aspects of the vibrancy, diversity, and pulse of Port Washington; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, Melissa Vissicchio leads a collaboration between Residents Forward and local photographer Roy Schneider to hang copies of his photographs in the windows of empty storefronts on Main Street; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to her work with Residents Forward, Melissa Vissicchio is an auditor with Deloitte & Touche LLP and a controller in the private equity industry; and

**WHEREAS,** When Melissa Vissicchio is not helping someone, she likes to walk her dog, Leo; cook and spend time with her friends and her beloved family; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout have been her husband, Jack, and their two daughters, Brianna and Emily, 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 Melissa Vissicchio 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 Melissa Vissicchio 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 Melissa Vissicchio.