

**BY:** Senator COONEY

**HONORING** Nancy Johns-Price upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 36 years of distinguished service to the City of Rochester and County of Monroe

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble 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 Nancy Johns-Price upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 36 years of distinguished service to the City of Rochester and the County of Monroe; she will officially retire on Friday, January 29, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** Nancy Johns-Price earned a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Arts for Children from SUNY Brockport, and a bachelor's degree in Theater with an emphasis in directing Children's Theater from the University of Northern Colorado; prior to moving to Rochester, she made her living as an actress and a director; and

**WHEREAS,** Nancy Johns-Price joined the City of Rochester government in 1985, and worked for the County of Monroe from 1993 to 1998 as a Youth Participation Project Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2009, was appointed as Administrator of the City of Rochester's Southeast Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) after a long and successful career in youth development in the Department of Recreation and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining true to its mission, NSC preserves and improves the quality of life and level of opportunity in Rochester by delivering City services directly to neighborhoods and establishing grassroots community partnerships that empower residents and businesses to maximize the benefits of living and working in Rochester; and

**WHEREAS,** As the Administrator, Nancy Johns-Price earned a reputation for her seemingly unlimited accessibility and ability to improve the delivery of City services through customer engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** She helped develop the Rochester Police Department's Positive Ticket program and played a direct role in initiatives to improve the business permit process and reform the Nuisance Point Abatement program; and

**WHEREAS,** As a recreation leader and youth development specialist, Nancy Johns-Price helped create several programs that are now staples of youth services, including: Biz Kids, Art Smart Camp, Flower City AmeriCorps, and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; and

**WHEREAS,** This extraordinary woman has been the living embodiment of a true public servant with an energy level that is awe inspiring; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her esteemed career, Nancy Johns-Price always brought the highest levels of approachability, dedication and diligence to her work, and did so with great enthusiasm and optimism; and

**WHEREAS,** In retirement, Nancy Johns-Price intends to spend more time with her husband of 40 years and her two grandchildren, as well as assist her two daughters and son-in-law in the development of their private businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** She will also spend more time in her volunteer activities, particularly with I am Isiah, Inc., a youth-suicide prevention organization named for one of the youth Nancy Johns-Price worked with, Isiah Johnson; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nancy Johns-Price upon the occasion of her retirement, 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 Nancy Johns-Price.