

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Pindar Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Governor's Cup Award by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on March 18, 2021

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing economic well-being of the entire 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 Pindar Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Governor's Cup Award by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation at its 35th Annual New York Wine Classic on Thursday, March 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The 35th Annual New York Wine Classic, a nationally recognized competition highlighting the best of New York's wine, recognized Pindar Vineyards with its Governor's Cup, the most esteemed award given at the Classic, for its 2019 Dr. Dan's Signature Collection, Gewurztraminer from the Long Island region; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Cup, a large silver chalice, recognizes the "Best of Show" or top prize of all entries in the New York Wine Classic; and

WHEREAS, Seeing an unprecedented growth over the past few years and allowing wine enthusiasts to enjoy this unique part of the New York experience across the state, Pindar Vineyards has truly showcased why New York State is a premier wine destination; and

WHEREAS, In addition to winning the Governor's Cup, Pindar Vineyards, based in Peconic, New York, also received the only Platinum Medal of the competition for Best White Wine; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Dr. Herodotus "Dan" Damianos, a pioneer who helped create the winemaking industry on Long Island in the early 1980s, Pindar Vineyards continues to be a family-run operation; and

WHEREAS, Today, Pindar Vineyards produces over 70,000 cases of wine a year, making them the largest vineyard on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Owner and General Manager Pindar Damianos, Pindar Vineyards' success is a true testament to its unwavering dedication to four decades of extraordinary winemaking on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 40-year history, Pindar Vineyards has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Pindar Vineyards is in direct correlation to the efforts of its devoted staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pindar Vineyards upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Governor's Cup Award by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pindar Damianos, Owner and General Manager of Pindar Vineyards, Peconic, New York.