

**BY:** Senator MAYER

**COMMENDING** the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club  
upon the occasion of its 103rd Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those outstanding organizations whose purposeful endeavors enhance the quality of life in their communities and beyond, and whose commitment to service embodies the highest standards of excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club upon the occasion of its 103rd Anniversary to be celebrated on Friday, February 27, 2026, at the Larchmont Shore Club in Larchmont, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organizations in the world, and is deeply committed to meeting the unique needs of the communities it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** Lions Clubs are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually-impaired; this service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the Lions' 1925 international convention; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded on February 27, 1923, by a group of citizens of Larchmont and Mamaroneck, New York who were drawn by the promise of camaraderie in doing old-fashioned, good deeds for others, the Larchmont and Mamaroneck Lions Clubs were created to serve their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its foundation, the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club boasts a clear mission to aid the blind and visually impaired, assist youth, promote education, and fulfill community needs; the larger Lions Clubs International organization promotes fostering a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world and encourages civic, cultural, and social engagement within communities; and

**WHEREAS,** The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club has been involved in various community projects throughout its history, including donating braille books, typewriters, electronic sight testing equipment, large print books and tapes, and thousands of used eyeglasses for recycling; and

**WHEREAS,** The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club has conducted outings for members of the Lighthouse and, through creative fundraising, consistently supported the Visions Center on Blindness and Guiding Eyes for the Blind; and

**WHEREAS,** Supporting other initiatives, Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club members provided kits for soldiers overseas, sponsored Babe Ruth Leagues, bought benches and trash bins for the town, a defibrillator for

the fire department, and built a bus shelter; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1988, the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club started a scholarship for a MHS senior that was based on service to community, school and house of worship; and

**WHEREAS,** Keeping a strong connection with the community, the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club have brought people together with its events such as a fishing expedition in the Sound, a night at the Westchester Dinner Theatre, a day at Belmont's races, a Hole in One Tournament at Hommocks School, and a Bike Race; and

**WHEREAS,** Paving the way for progress, attorney Delores Batallia, then Supervisor of the Town of Mamaroneck, became the first female member of the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club in 1987, then, in 1992, Sondra Calvin-Singer became first female president of the club; and

**WHEREAS,** The Larchmont Lions Club was dormant from 2006-2010 until Jagadish Rao, a past district governor of the Lions in another district, moved to Larchmont and revived and re-chartered the Club; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2017, the Larchmont and Mamaroneck Clubs, serving adjacent neighborhoods, merged; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, 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 the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club upon the occasion of celebrating its 103rd Anniversary, and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life in the community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club.