

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Sean Patrick Murphy, beloved son, father, brother, uncle, friend, and devoted community member

**WHEREAS,** There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Sean Patrick Murphy was one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Sean Patrick Murphy, a cherished resident of Shrub Oak, New York, who died on September 1, 2024, in the comforting care of Rosary Hill Home, after a courageous battle with brain cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on January 12, 1961, in Bronxville, New York, Sean Patrick Murphy lived a life marked by vitality, generosity, and an unrelenting commitment to family, friendship, and community; and

**WHEREAS,** A product of St. Patrick's Elementary School and Yorktown High School, Sean Patrick Murphy's formative years were defined by a spirited sense of humor and camaraderie, qualities that continued to endear him to all who knew him throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean Patrick Murphy continued his education at Westchester Community College and, more informally but no less significantly, through life experience on Walter Road, where he became known for his wit, authenticity, and strength of character; and

**WHEREAS,** Professionally, Sean Patrick Murphy began his career with the Asplundh Tree Company and became a licensed arborist; he later poured his heart into the Victory Cafe and Murphy's Restaurant, mixing cocktails and ensuring every patron left as a friend; and

**WHEREAS,** A man of indomitable faith and dedication, Sean Patrick Murphy was a devoted Catholic and a longtime parishioner at St. Patrick's Church, who also found community and service through his proud membership in the Elks Club; and

**WHEREAS,** An avid outdoorsman, Sean Patrick Murphy was a fearless black diamond skier and a lifelong lover of music, particularly the Grateful Dead, whose melodies became the soundtrack to his exuberant journey through life; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean Patrick Murphy's life was enriched and defined by his family, especially his beloved daughter Cailyn and son-in-law Reece, his devoted mother Deneysel, and his siblings Colleen, Erin (David), Denis (Lynda), Patrick (Marijo), and Terrence (Caroline), as well as 32 nieces and nephews who will forever carry forward his legacy of kindness,

laughter, and love; and

**WHEREAS,** Even in his final days, Sean met life with grace, resilience, and music, often singing lyrics that captured his essence: "This is no fond farewell... It's been a good long run... I don't regret much, not much at all..."; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean Patrick Murphy leaves behind a legacy of joy, compassion, humor, and community spirit which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Sean Patrick Murphy, recognizing the indelible impact he made on his family, friends, and the community he so loved; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sean Patrick Murphy, with deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences.