

## 2015-J1211

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the North Rockland Lions Club on April 12, 2015, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

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 organizations and 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the North Rockland Lions Club to be celebrated on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at Town and Country Caterers, in Congers, New York; and

WHEREAS, At this year's Anniversary Dinner, the North Rockland Lions Club will be honoring three members for their outstanding contributions to the community; these exceptional individuals include: Mayor John Ramundo, former Club President and Past International Director Robert Klein, and local business owner Noel Rappaport; and

WHEREAS, The North Rockland Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organizations in the world; and is deeply committed to meeting the challenges of public service; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Lions Club is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, Lions 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, In 1975, a group of community-minded men from North Rockland came together to form the North Rockland Lions Club, chartered under the guidance of District Governor Robert Mackenzie; and

WHEREAS, For the past four decades, the North Rockland Lions Club has been assisting individuals, families, and community organizations in North Rockland and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of current president, Dina Nejman, the North Rockland Lions Club focuses its energies on supporting numerous charities and volunteer groups including Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Visions Center on Blindness, and the association for the Visually Impaired; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the North Rockland Lions Club also provides eye exams and glasses to youth, and sponsors such youth activities as the Annual Scholarship Contest and the Peace Poster Contest; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when 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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the North Rockland Lions Club, and to commend 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 Dina Nejman, President, North Rockland Lions Club.