

## 2015-J2311

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Graber upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Best Friend Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library on June 6, 2015

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Graber upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Best Friend Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library, to be celebrated at its Spring Gala and Awards Reception, on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Highland Falls Library, Highland Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award is bestowed upon Michael Graber for his unfailing love and commitment to his community and the Highland Falls Library; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1939, Michael Graber is a life-long resident of Highland Falls, representing the 9th generation of citizens on his mother's side; for numerous years, he was employed in the Florist/Horticulture industry; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his community, Michael Graber served as a Village Trustee, and was a member of the Zoning Board; in addition, he has worked with the local Scouts, and has organized many beautification efforts around both the Town of Highlands and the Village of Highland Falls; and

WHEREAS, An avid reader and history buff, Michael Graber served as a Charter Board of Directors member, and President of the Fort Montgomery

Battle Site Association, as well as the 5th New York Re-enactors; both organizations bring Revolutionary War History to life for local residents and visitors to Bear Mountain and West Point; and

WHEREAS, Michael Graber's energy and enthusiasm to share his talents have made him one of the most popular program speakers at the Highland Falls Library; his lectures range from flower arranging and gardening, to local and regional history; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was also instrumental in launching a History Club for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at the Highland Falls Library; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Graber upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Best Friend Award by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library on June 6, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Graber.