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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Fahim Mojawalla upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Community Leadership by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce on April 28, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Fahim Mojawalla has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Fahim Mojawalla upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Community Leadership by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa in Grand Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Citizen of the Year Award is presented annually to businesses and individuals whose contributions have made Grand Island, New York, a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Fahim Mojawalla was born in Mumbai, India, and moved with his family to New York City when he was three years old; he went to school in Long Island, and in 2002, he graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with an honors degree in Economics and a minor in Business Management; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Fahim Mojawalla moved to Grand Island with his mother, wife, and five children; a year later, he opened Island Ship Center, popularly known as The Spa of Shipping, an experienced-based retail shipping outlet, business center, and unique gift store; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, April 5, 2016, the popular and successful business, Island Ship Center, celebrated its 10th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Fahim Mojawalla has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has been recognized for his leadership and generosity, and for his promotion of community events; and

WHEREAS, Along with his wife, Seema, Fahim Mojawalla is very involved in the Association of Mail & Business Centers, and volunteers on the AMBC Board of Directors as Social Media Director; he is also the Vice President of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, helping connect other local businesses with social media trends; and

WHEREAS, Fahim Mojawalla shares motivational quotes through his Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages, and uses plenty of hashtags to keep track of online activity; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Fahim was recognized for his involvement with the community by being awarded the Excellence in Education Award; his new video, "Get SMart with Fahim", is about learning the art of Social Media and was launched on YouTube on April 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Fahim Mojawalla loves being able to live and work on Grand Island, so that he can spend a lot of time with his kids during after school activities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Fahim Mojawalla has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the

recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Fahim Mojawalla upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Community Leadership by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fahim Mojawalla.