

## 2009-J984

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Vanessa J. Herman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Government Award by the Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services on March 26, 2009

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, Vanessa J. Herman has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Vanessa J. Herman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Government Award by the Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services in celebration of National Women's History Month at its 23rd Annual Women's Recognition Night, held on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at Brookhaven Town Hall Auditorium, Farmingville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa J. Herman is being honored for her professional achievements as well as for the generosity and enthusiasm with which she graces the Town of Brookhaven; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa J. Herman is the Assistant for Government Relations for Higher Education at the State University at Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, A life-long resident of Brookhaven Town, Vanessa J. Herman attended Suffolk County Community College and went on to earn a Masters degree from Stony Brook University; and

WHEREAS, She began her career as a Private Investigator in 1990, providing confidential and comprehensive investigative services to legal, matrimonial and corporate clientele; soon after, she joined the staff of United States Senator Alfonse D'Amato and served as his Press Secretary and Executive Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Her current position has brought Vanessa J. Herman to yet another level of government; as Assistant for Government Relations for Higher Education, she has proven herself to be an invaluable asset and tireless Champion of the State University at Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, Traveling between Albany and the nation's capital, Vanessa J.

Herman is the primary federal lobbyist for the University; her unique ability to articulate and advocate on behalf of the University has earned the institute several projects and initiatives that have benefited this entire region; and

WHEREAS, Aside from her tremendously busy schedule, Vanessa J. Herman still finds time to give back to her community; she has volunteered for the Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund and the Metropolitan Foundation; in addition she helped to bring about the Long Island Breast Cancer Study Project and was instrumental in the passage of new legislation such as the Drive Through Mastectomy Law and the New York State Pesticide Registry; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Vanessa J. Herman has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Vanessa J. Herman has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Vanessa J. Herman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Government Award by the Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services on March 26, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vanessa J. Herman, Medford, New York.