

## 2013-K17

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the benevolent life of Jean Elizabeth Guthrie, a woman of indomitable spirit and perseverance

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, served to better the quality of life in their community; Jean Elizabeth Guthrie was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Jean Elizabeth Guthrie, of Mumford, New York, died on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at the age of 54, surrounded by the love of her family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, A strong woman, beyond the ordinary, and an unforgettable person of generosity and good will, Jean Elizabeth Guthrie was an institution unto herself; always the epitome of gracious kindness and thoughtfulness and never failing to reach out to others; the quintessential human being; and

WHEREAS, For Jean Elizabeth Guthrie, life was her family, her art, and her unwavering love for the natural world; her sense of place, home, and community comprised the core of her being; and

WHEREAS, She was driven by many passions in her life such as art, photography and most notably, her beloved Big Springs Historical Society and Museum; and

WHEREAS, Led by Jean Elizabeth Guthrie's tireless efforts, the Big Springs Historical Society and Museum was transformed into the community treasure it is today, a home for wonderful art and artifacts, as well as a place of learning, lectures and community gatherings; and

WHEREAS, One of Jean Elizabeth Guthrie's greatest legacies is her art which was truly reflective of her love, beauty, grace, charity and compassion, and will forever stand as a testament of her benevolent spirit; and

WHEREAS, Known and respected for her advocacy toward all things living and the fragile environment we share, not a day went by when Jean Elizabeth Guthrie did not consider how to protect and enjoy the natural world she so loved and respected; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Jean Elizabeth Guthrie's tireless efforts helped to bring history to life through various stories of agricultural roots and local businesses, as well as black migration from Culpeper, Virginia, which brought many new faces and talented people to the Mumford community; and

WHEREAS, Jean Elizabeth Guthrie is survived by her devoted husband, Sean; her loving sons, Conor and Aidan; her mother, Marian Guthrie; and two sisters, Jackie Guthrie and Elizabeth Guthrie; and

WHEREAS, Jean Elizabeth Guthrie was a woman of values and commitment whose warm smile and true compassion were generously given for the benefit of her community; she 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 celebrate the benevolent life of Jean Elizabeth Guthrie, to salute her accomplishments in bettering her community, and to express its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Jean Elizabeth Guthrie.