

## 2015-J928

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Long Island Arboricultural Association's Arbor Day project on March 21, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 25th Anniversary of the Long Island Arboricultural Association's Arbor Day project to be celebrated on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at Belmont Lake State Park, North Babylon, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Arboricultural Association (LIAA) was founded in 1958 by a small group of professional arborists with a goal of promoting better education for the appreciation and care of shade trees and shrubs on Long Island; its membership has since expanded to include students, educators, municipal workers, and other concerned individuals; and

WHEREAS, Today, this pioneering non-profit organization strives to reach out to its community by teaching proper planting and preservation, encouraging research for the adequate protection of trees and shrubs, and promoting the use of efficient and proper arboricultural methods; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of Arbor Day, each year the LIAA selects a County or State Park for a day of beautification and enhancement, which includes pruning, removal of debris, root fertilization, and the planting of new trees; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, LIAA held its inaugural Arbor Day project at the

historic Belmont Park Pines in the median of the Southern State Parkway near Belmont Lake State Park, beginning an outstanding tradition of ecological service; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the 25th Anniversary of its Arbor Day projects, the LIAA will be returning to the historic Belmont Park Pines, its original Arbor Day site, with a focus on the pruning and elevation of the historic pine trees along the Southern State Parkway; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those associations which enhance the well-being and vitality of the community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the environment 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 commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Long Island Arboricultural Association's Arbor Day project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Long Island Arboricultural Association.