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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Village of Flower Hill upon the occasion of being designated as Tree City USA by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Arbor Day Foundation

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in local government in this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Village of Flower Hill upon the occasion of being designated as Tree City USA by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Flower Hill has achieved Tree City USA status by meeting the four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least two dollars per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Flower Hill can be traced back to the early 18th Century when it consisted of several residences and other buildings including a general store, a tavern, a blacksmith shop, a village well, and a cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Flower Hill is densely planted with flowering cherry trees and wild violets and even some apple trees which date to the days when Flower Hill farmers sold the produce from their apple, pear, and peach orchards; and

WHEREAS, Village Arborist Ann Frankel drafted a landscaping plan for center island planting with drought resistant trees and shrubs to add

color in the spring and summer which would be a welcome addition to the gateway to the village; and

WHEREAS, 3,400 Tree City USA communities serve as home to more than 135 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those citizens 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 commend the Village of Flower Hill upon the occasion of being designated as Tree City USA by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Arbor Day Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Village of Flower Hill.