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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Nassau County Museum of Art on June 13, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; 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 Nassau County Museum of Art, to be celebrated at its 2015 Museum Ball, Midnight in Paris, on Saturday, June 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In 1919, Henry Clay Frick, the co-Founder of U.S. Steel, purchased the property once owned by the poet and preservationist, William Cullen Bryant, for his son, Childs Frick; renowned architect Sir Charles Carrick Allom was commissioned to redesign the facade and much of the interior of the home which was named Clayton; and

WHEREAS, Childs Frick and his wife, Frances, lived at Clayton for almost 50 years; following his death in 1965, the estate was purchased by Nassau County which then converted it to a museum, now the Nassau County Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, the Museum became a private not-for-profit institution, and is governed and funded by a private board of trustees which includes many of Long Island's most prominent business, civic and social leaders; and

WHEREAS, One of the major cultural institutions on Long Island, the Nassau County Museum of Art welcomes 200,000 visitors, including 20,000 school children each year; and

WHEREAS, The Nassau County Museum of Art is located about 25 miles east of New York City in Roslyn Harbor, Long Island on the former Frick

Estate, a spectacular property in the heart of Long Island's fabled Gold Coast; and

WHEREAS, The main museum building, named in honor of art collectors and philanthropists Arnold and Joan Saltzman, is a three-story Georgian mansion which exemplifies Gold Coast architecture of the late 19th century; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Arnold and Joan Saltzman Fine Art building, the Nassau County Museum of Art includes the Sculpture Park and Formal Garden of historic importance, as well as the Pinetum, an architecturally-significant restored trellis, rare specimen trees, and marked walking trails; and

WHEREAS, The Nassau County Museum of Art is dedicated to fostering a deep understanding of the arts, with particular emphasis on the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, and to keeping an active schedule of exhibitions and educational programs for people of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Ranked among the Nation's largest, most important suburban art museums, the Nassau County Museum of Art preserves, enhances, and interprets its collections for the people of Long Island, the State of New York, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The expert staff of the Nassau County Museum of Art, are and always have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence, and accordingly merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by 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 Nassau County Museum of Art; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Nassau County Museum of Art.