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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Marilyn McIntosh upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of outstanding service to the Monroe Free Library

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor Marilyn McIntosh upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of outstanding service to the Monroe Free Library; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn McIntosh earned her master's degree in Information Science and Policy from the State University of New York at Albany, and a Certificate in Public Library Administration from Long Island University; and

WHEREAS, For the past 33 years, Marilyn McIntosh has served as Executive Director for the Monroe Free Library; in this capacity, she has served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after she was hired in 1994, Marilyn McIntosh became the first librarian to enable public libraries to put their yearly budgets up for public vote; throughout this process, she gradually increased the Monroe Free Library's annual budget, which helped meet the needs of the growing community; and

WHEREAS, An active participant in the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS), Marilyn McIntosh served as Chair of the Automated Network Services Committee (ANSER) for three years, and led the search for a new integrated library system, ultimately taking responsibility for the final choice and its implementation; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn McIntosh also chaired the Director's Association of

RCLS and served as its Secretary, serving on the Ramapo-Catskill Library System Board for six years, as well as Chairing the direct Access Committee, which monitors the equity of local inter-library usage; and WHEREAS, Marilyn McIntosh is a founding member of the Greater Monroe Chamber of Commerce where she served that body as Secretary for three years, and Treasurer for one year; through her involvement she placed the library in a position to be an integral partner in Monroe community affairs; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Director of MFL, Marilyn McIntosh introduced several initiatives which changed the MFL from a small country library into a much more professional organization; among them were developing the library's website, outreach programs such as the RealCard which involved local businesses, and creating a brand for MFL; and WHEREAS, Marilyn McIntosh developed the library's first organizational chart and operations policies, established departments, set up the library financial record keeping system on Quickbooks and Quicken, and instituted a yearly independent audit; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn McIntosh helped acquire property next door at 40 Millpond Parkway, and most recently, she has overseen the successful renovation of the main building at 44 Millpond Parkway; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Marilyn McIntosh was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; during her tenure with the Monroe Free Library, she earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, 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 honor Marilyn McIntosh upon the occasion of her retirement after 33

years of outstanding service to the Monroe Free Library; and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marilyn McIntosh.