



Westchester County Board of Legislators

Proclamation

Whereas

we are gathered here tonight at the Westchester County Board of Legislators to honor the White Plains Beautification Foundation for its generous and unflagging devotion for over forty years to bringing the beauty of nature to White Plains, truly creating a "City in a Park" and in so doing, enhancing the quality of life for all those who reside and visit White Plains, the seat of Westchester County government, and

WHEREAS, the White Plains Beautification Foundation, through its Adopt-A-Park and other programs, has created fifty welcoming gateway gardens, charming and restful havens in the urban landscape, replete with over one hundred benches that invite strollers to enjoy some tranquility in the midst of their busy days, and enjoy other adornments that grace the parks such as outdoor clocks, bubbling fountains, a gazebo and a "summer house," and

WHEREAS, the Foundation's highly successful collaborative efforts have brought together individuals, schools and businesses to financially support a superb variety of high quality plantings maintained by Foundation members and several garden centers and landscaping services the Foundation has recruited over the years to donate their skills to such tasks as planting and designing gardens, pruning trees and preserving the historic copper beech tree on Quarropas Street, and

WHEREAS, the Foundation's most recent collaboration with the Sculpture Guild resulted in the installation of works by world-renowned sculptors on the outdoor plaza shared by the White Plains Library and the Westchester County Courthouse and at Tibbets Park on North Broadway, and further, donated the prized Schulmerich Carillon at the County Courthouse, and

WHEREAS, the White Plains Beautification Foundation's members work to promote others' efforts to beautify White Plains by formally recognizing those businesses and residents whose own gardens grace the City, complementing the Foundation's mission, and to raise funds to support the continuation of the Foundation's existing gardens as well as the establishment of new planting sites, and

WHEREAS, the Beautification Foundation provided invaluable expertise in collaborating with Westchester County on the rehabilitation of Mamaroneck Avenue, a prime gateway to the County Seat, to ensure the preservation of the traditional character of this road defined by its grass medians, flowering trees and plants, and was instrumental in causing the replacement of blacktop with a grass median on Bryant Avenue, another gateway to the City, and

WHEREAS, the White Plains Beautification stands as a model for all communities in Westchester of how to bring diverse interests together to bring the beauty of nature into the lives of their residents, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators join with Chairman William J. Ryan and Legislator Lois Bronz in paying tribute to the White Plains Beautification Foundation and in proclaiming that today, October 10, 2006, to be "**White Plains Beautification Foundation Day**" in Westchester County, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the text of this proclamation be carried throughout the County of Westchester for all people of good will to forever know.



Given Under My Hand and Seal this 10th Day of October, 2006

William J. Ryan
Chairman

Lois Bronz
Legislator