



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

7:00 PM

City Hall – City Council Chambers 4th Floor

City Council of Yonkers Stated Meeting

**PRESENT: PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY**

DISTRICT:

**4 MAJORITY LEADER JOHN RUBBO
1 MAJORITY WHIP DEANA R. ROBINSON
5 MINORITY LEADER MICHAEL B. BREEN**

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DISTRICT:

**2 CORAZON PINEDA-ISAAC
3 TASHA DIAZ
6 ANTHONY MERANTE**

Roll Call

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a minute of silence to invoke God's guidance and Blessing upon our deliberations.

Minutes of the stated meeting held on April 8, 2022 approved on motion of Majority Leader Rubbo.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

COMMUNICATIONS - GENERAL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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1. A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YONKERS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (NNORC) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,682 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2029
 2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS OF THE DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS (AS DEFINED BELOW) UNDER SECTION 204 OF THE NEW YORK EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURE LAW CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING PRINCIPALLY OF A LEASEHOLD INTEREST ON ONE PARCEL, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT (AS DEFINED IN THE DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS)
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- 11.** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS OBSERVING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2025 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN THE CITY OF YONKERS.

- 12.** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS "JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF YONKERS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



SPECIAL ORDINANCE

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YONKERS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (NNORC) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,682 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2029

The City of Yonkers hereby ordains and enacts:

Section 1: The New York State Office for the Aging, has awarded the City of Yonkers, acting by and through the City of Yonkers Office for the Aging (the "City"), the Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community ("NNORC") grant in the amount of \$15,682.00 for transportation services for five years.

Section 2: The City will provide matching funds via vehicle maintenance.

Section 3: The Mayor of the City or his authorized designee is hereby empowered to execute any and all instruments and take such other actions as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Section 4: The City's Grant Budget for fiscal year 2025-2029 is hereby amended by increasing revenues and appropriations as follows:

Estimated Revenues

New York State Office for the Aging (Through WJCS)- NNORC Grant	\$15,682
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Estimated Expenses

New York State Office for the Aging- NNORC Grant	\$15,682
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Section 5: The above constitutes a "Type II" action under SEQRA and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part **617**, which constitute an action determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore requiring no further environmental review.

Section 6: This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION §C4-6 OF THE CHARTER**

SPONSOR: Office of the Aging

TITLE OF BILL:

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YONKERS ACCEPTS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (NNORC) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,682 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2029

PURPOSE: Amend the grant budget to accept the grant funding.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: Same as above.

JUSTIFICATION: required to receive funding.

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: N/A.

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Positive

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediate.

SUBJECT:

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YONKERS ACCEPTS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (NNORC) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,682 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2029

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: 15,682

Total Current Year Revenue: 15,682

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain)

Identify Accounts:

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual
Amount: \$0

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual
Amount: \$0

Current Year:

Next 5 years:
Anticipated Savings: Annual
Amount: \$_____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: K. Chiarella

Title: Director

Department: OFA

Signature: /s/ K Chiarella

Reviewed By: John Liszewski
FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

Signature: /s/ John Liszewski

Date: 2025



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS PINEDA-ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS OF THE DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS (AS DEFINED BELOW) UNDER SECTION 204 OF THE NEW YORK EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURE LAW CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING PRINCIPALLY OF A LEASEHOLD INTEREST ON ONE PARCEL, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT (AS DEFINED IN THE DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS)

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers (the "City") is a municipal corporation with authority, pursuant to subdivision 2 of Section 20 of the General City Law of the State of New York, as amended (hereinafter called the "Legislation"), to take real property, either within or outside the limits of the City, required for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yonkers (the "City Council") desires to exercise its power of eminent domain, if necessary, for the "acquisition" of certain "real property" as such quoted terms are defined in the New York Eminent Domain Procedure Law (the "EDPL") located in the City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York comprised of a leasehold interest held by All County Bus, LLC, located at 76 a/k/a 70 Fernbrook Street a/k/a 8 Water Grant Street, City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York and identifiable as Section 1, Block 615, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, all in connection with the Project (as defined in the hereinafter defined Determination and Findings); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the EDPL, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing on March 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to inform the public and to review the public use, benefit or purpose to be served by the Project, the proposed location of the Project and its general effect on the environment and the residents of the locality where the Project is proposed to be constructed and whereat, the public was provided an opportunity to provide any comments (the "Hearing"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 196-2024 adopted prior hereto on December 10, 2024, the City Council, in accordance with the EDPL and pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (collectively referred to as "SEQRA"), issued a Negative Declaration determining that the Project will not result in a potential significant adverse impact to the environment and thereby satisfying the applicable

requirements set forth in SEQRA as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having considered the foregoing, now desires to adopt and publish the Determination and Findings in accordance with the EDPL and any applicable laws, rules or regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yonkers City Council, pursuant to Section 204 of the EDPL, hereby (i) adopts the determination and findings in the form presented at this meeting with such changes as approved by counsel to the City (the "Determination and Findings") as more fully set forth in Exhibit A annexed hereto and made a part hereof and (ii) authorizes its members, officers, employees and agents of the City (including Corporation Counsel and special counsel to the City) to (A) publish a brief synopsis of the Determination and Findings (B) mail notice of such brief synopsis to owner(s) of the Parcel (and/or their attorney of record) and (C) take all steps appropriate to comply with applicable provisions of the EDPL and all other applicable laws, rules or regulations to implement this Resolution.

EXHIBIT A

Form of Determination and Findings

Attached Hereto

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 204 OF THE NEW YORK EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURE LAW FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 76 A/K/A 70 FERNBROOK STREET A/K/A 8 WATER GRANT STREET (SECTION 1, BLOCK 615, LOT 1) IN THE CITY OF YONKERS, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK COMPRISING A LEASEHOLD INTEREST ON ONE (1) LOT.

Overview and Background

The City of Yonkers (hereinafter referred to as the "City") is a municipal corporation with the authority, pursuant to subdivision 2 of Section 20 of the General City Law of the State of New York, as amended (hereinafter called the "Legislation"), to take real property, either within or outside the limits of the City's boundaries, required for any public purpose.

The City desires to exercise its power of eminent domain, if necessary, for the "acquisition" of a leasehold interest in certain "real property" (as such quoted terms are defined in the New York Eminent Domain Procedure Law, herein the "EDPL") located in the City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York and comprising the leasehold interest of All County Bus, LLC ("All County Bus") to the parcel located at 76 a/k/a 70 Fernbrook Street (a/k/a 8 Water Grant Street), City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York and identifiable as Section 1, Block 615, Lot 1 (the "Parcel"), all in connection with a certain "public project" (as such quoted term is defined in the EDPL; and collectively referred to herein as the "Project") consisting of facilitating the productive reuse and redevelopment of the Parcel, (one of eight (8) total adjoining parcels (the "Park Site"), to which fee title was purchased by the City in February 2024, for fair market value, but subject to the existing leasehold) through the undertaking of (A) environmental remediation of the Park site, and (B) structural improvements for climate resiliency, and (C) the reuse and redevelopment of the Park Site as a waterfront public park, including playground and recreational facilities, pursuant to the EDPL, all in connection with serving the public use, benefit or purpose described herein.

In addition, the Project is consistent with the goals of and will complement and advance the public purposes envisioned by Connections: The Yonkers Comprehensive Plan, adopted September 2000 ("Comprehensive Plan") as well as the Ludlow Master Plan, adopted November 22, 2022 by Resolution No. 144-2022 affecting the area immediately adjacent to the Park Site.. Improving, maintaining and expanding parks, recreation facilities, and programs and activities in the southwestern areas of the City and along the waterfront, formerly limited to industrial uses, for the City's residents and, especially for the youth of the City, is one of the focus areas of the Comprehensive Plan. Furthermore, the southwestern waterfront area was a strategic site identified under the Comprehensive plan and the focus of redevelopment activities at the Park Site. Said redevelopment activities, which entail reclaiming properties currently limited to industrial uses for reuse and redevelopment projects that will have a positive benefit

to the surrounding community which meets the needs of the adjacent residential neighborhood and offers a connection to and between the downtown area of the City, the City waterfront along the Hudson River, and the Greenway Trail. Thus, the acquisition of the Parcel in connection with the Project is fully consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Ludlow Master Plan. In addition, the acquisition is within the City's statutory authority and will fulfill its statutory purposes.

In order to complete the Project, it may be necessary for the City to exercise its power of eminent domain if a voluntary transfer of the Parcel is not consummated. No alternative locations exist in the City that are being considered for the Project.

The Public Hearing and Comment Period

In accordance with the EDPL, on March 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., a duly noticed public hearing (the "Hearing") was held in the City Council Chambers located at Yonkers City Hall, 40 South Broadway, in the City, to inform the public and to review the public use, benefit or purpose to be served by the Project, the proposed location of the Project and its general effect on the environment and the residents of the locality where the Project is proposed to be constructed. At the Hearing, the public was provided an opportunity to provide any comments and a record of the Hearing was made, including written statements submitted at or prior to the Hearing, and was provided to the members of the City Council.

The comments received during the Hearing, which were mostly supportive of the City's acquisition for establishment of a public park, have been reviewed, made part of the record and accorded full consideration by the City. The EDPL does not require that the City address in its determination and findings any specific concern or objection raised at the Hearing. The City's responses to certain of the comments that were received during the Hearing are summarized below, and in some cases as more fully set forth in the determination and findings:

- (i) In response to the comment expressing concern over the loss of jobs to citizens of the City and the displacement of a local business, the current leaseholder, All County Bus, LLC, has already entered into a lease agreement for office space within the City, and intends to lease garage and storage space from Liberty Lines Transit, also within the City.

EDPL Section 204

At a duly noticed and scheduled meeting in addition to the above findings, the City makes the following specific determination and findings (collectively with the foregoing, the "Determination and Findings") concerning the Project pursuant to EDPL Section 204:

- I. The Public Use, Benefit or Purpose To Be Served by the Project [EDPL § 204(B) (1)].

The proposed acquisition of the Parcel in connection with the undertaking of the Project will serve a public use, benefit and/or purpose because it will advance the overall general prosperity and economic and social welfare of the residents of the City by returning the underutilized and derelict Parcel to productive use and by attracting and accommodating appropriate and allowable development and end user(s), and thereby, among other things, (i) allowing for the provision of additional and much needed public park and open green space and allowing for safe, welcoming and convenient access to recreation amenities for the residents of the City and the general public thereby to promote their health, safety, wellness and general welfare, (ii) create employment opportunities, (iii) combat economic stagnation at the Parcel through stimulating, promoting and/or supporting new and/or existing economic revitalization and redevelopment efforts, (iv) decrease the negative impacts associated with large vacant buildings within the City, (v) enhance the overall functionality and/or attractiveness of the area and surrounding area, (vi) as appropriate, may include, but not limited to, compliment and/or advance any public purpose contemplated by the Comprehensive Plan[and the Urban Renewal Plan].

II. Location of the Project and Reasons for Selection of that Location [EDPL § 204(B)(2)].

The location of the Project is in the City and identifiable by the following street addresses and tax identification numbers: leasehold interest to All County Bus, for the parcel located at 76 a/k/a 70 Fernbrook Street (a/k/a 8 Water Grant Street), City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York and identifiable as Section 1, Block 615, Lot 1. Such location was determined based upon information in the Comprehensive Plan, the Ludlow Master Plan, the Hudson River and potential of providing open green public park space and its potential for continuing to spur economic revitalization and redevelopment in the surrounding areas of the City. No alternative locations exist in the City that are being considered for the Project.

III. General Effect of the Project on the Environment and Residents of the Locality [EDPL § 204 (B)(3)].

By resolution of the City Council, duly adopted on December 10, 2024 (the "City SEQRA Resolution") and the completed Full Environmental Assessment Form ("FEAF"), including Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the FEAF and the attachments thereto, the City Council, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereto at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (collectively known hereafter as "SEQRA"), having found that the Project constituted a "Type I" action (as that term is defined in SEQRA) and conducted a coordinated SEQRA review of the Project, further concluded that the Project will not result in a potential significant adverse environmental impact. Such determination of the City Council constituted the adoption of a Negative Declaration which required no further review or action pursuant to SEQRA with respect to the Project. The City SEQRA Resolution and the FEAF, together with any other documents and information on which it was based, is incorporated herein by reference and is made a part hereof.

In sum, the City Council concluded that the Project, including the acquisition of the Parcel, will not result in a potential significant adverse impact on the environment. The acquisition of the Parcel and the completion of the Project will positively impact the residents of the City, thereby expanding the benefits of the City's parks and recreation areas, advancing the creation of additional job opportunities, and otherwise supporting the general prosperity and economic welfare of the City's residents.

IV. Other Relevant Factors [EDPL § 204 (B)(4)].

The City has given due consideration to the Hearing record including, but not limited to, comments received during the Hearing. In addition, the City has taken into account public opinion and concerns, if any, expressed through the SEQRA process associated with the Project. If a voluntary transfer of the Parcel cannot be consummated by the City, then the City may proceed with condemnation of the Parcel in connection with the undertaking of the Project.

Conclusion

Based on due consideration of the foregoing, the City hereby makes its Determination and Findings in accordance with the EDPL in connection with the acquisition of the Parcel by condemnation, if necessary, in connection with the undertaking of the Project.

Dated: ____ __, 2025



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO,
MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN,
COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA -ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Yonkers, in meeting
assembled:

That the settlement by the Corporation Counsel in the amount of THREE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND and FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$312,500.00) of the action entitled, "HOWARD SCHLEIFER, Plaintiff against THE YONKERS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Defendant", for personal injuries allegedly sustained by the plaintiff as a result of conduct by a school teacher while plaintiff was a student at Lincoln High School in 1973, be and the same hereby is approved and the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers is directed to draw his warrants in amounts not to exceed a cumulative total of THREE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND and FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$312,500.00) in favor of "Herman Law Firm PA, 1800 N. Military Trail, Suite 140, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, as attorneys for Howard Schleifer" to be paid on or before June 30, 2025.



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO,
MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN,
COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA -ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Yonkers, in meeting
assembled:

That the settlement by the Corporation Counsel in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$425,000.00) of the action entitled, "GEORGE SAYEGH, Plaintiff against THE CITY OF YONKERS, ET AL, Defendants", for personal injuries allegedly sustained by the plaintiff as a result of conduct by a school teacher while plaintiff was a student at former School 3 in 1970-1971, be and the same hereby is approved and the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers is directed to draw his warrant in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$425,000.00) in favor of "Slater Slater Schulman, LLP, 445 Broad Hollow Road, Suite 419, Melville, New York 11747, as attorneys for George Sayegh" to be paid on or before June 30, 2025.



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA -ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION TO URGE THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY, IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE STANDARDS AND RESOURCES FOR THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MITIGATION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CONTAMINATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Yonkers (the "City Council") has long been concerned with the impact of battery energy storage systems ("BESS") on, among other things, surrounding properties, neighborhoods, the environment, and public health and safety.

WHEREAS, BESS are a relatively new technology that could serve an important role in facilitating the production and use of clean energy.

WHEREAS, However, there are issues and concerns related to the safety, security and externalities of BESS, including fire, chemical release, standard energy hazards, and noise.

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers and other responsible municipalities are carefully studying BESS in order to implement appropriate regulations to mitigate or avoid the negative impacts of BESS as necessary to protect public health, safety, and quality of life for their residents.

WHEREAS, Yonkers is the largest City in Westchester County and desires to create and implement appropriate comprehensive county-wide regulations for BESS.

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Department of Health is charged with protecting, maintaining and improving the overall health safety and welfare of all the residents of Westchester County.

WHEREAS, over the years the County has produced and enforced safety standards for many substances and facilities including but not limited to Toxic Substances, Lead, Radon, Mercury, Hazardous waste, Radiological Health and

Bulk Petroleum Storage.

WHEREAS, currently, County Environmental health professionals investigate potential exposures from environmental contaminants at inactive hazardous waste sites and from petroleum and chemical spills, fires and other environmental incidents.

WHEREAS, Annually, the Westchester County Department of Health regularly has responded to hundreds of chemical and toxic spills throughout the County.

WHEREAS, moreover, The County Chemical Emergency Response van enables the Westchester County Department of Health to respond on a 24-hour basis to numerous chemical emergencies and hazardous spills, making available a high level of specialized knowledge and technology county-wide.

WHEREAS, The County Office of Emergency Services is the lead agency for Westchester's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The LEPC is responsible for developing emergency response plans for all chemical emergencies within Westchester County.

WHEREAS, by direct contrast, neither the City of Yonkers nor any of the municipalities in Westchester County, possess the knowledge, technology or equipment to respond to, assess and remediate these chemical emergencies.

WHEREAS, with the rapid rise in the installation and operation of BESS in Westchester County the County Department of Health must expand the scope of its existing emergency response plans to include the chemical emergencies and hazards that are associated with these types of BESS facilities in order to protect the residents and sensitive natural and environmental features and resources of the County.

RESOLVED, that the Yonkers City Council hereby urges the Westchester County Board of Legislators, the County Executive and the Westchester County Department of Health to expand the scope of its existing emergency response plans to identify and include the chemical emergencies and hazards that are associated with these types of BESS facilities in order to protect the residents and sensitive natural and environmental features and resources of the County in response to the rapid rise of these BESS facilities in the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of the Resolution to the Westchester County Board of Legislators, the County Executive and the Westchester County Department of Health.

INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM

SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION §C4-6 OF THE CHARTER

SPONSOR: BY MINORITY LEADER BREEN

TITLE OF BILL: RESOLUTION OF THE YONKERS CITY COUNCIL TO URGE THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY, IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE STANDARDS AND RESOURCES FOR THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MITIGATION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CONTAMINATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER COUNTY

PURPOSE: TO URGE THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY, IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE STANDARDS AND RESOURCES FOR THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MITIGATION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CONTAMINATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER COUNTY

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: TO URGE THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY, IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE STANDARDS AND RESOURCES FOR THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MITIGATION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CONTAMINATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER COUNTY

JUSTIFICATION: TO URGE THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY, IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE STANDARDS AND RESOURCES FOR THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MITIGATION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CONTAMINATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER COUNTY

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: PROTECT YONKERS RESIDENTS FROM THE POTENTIAL THREAT TO THEIR HEALTH SAFETY, WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENT DUE TO THE UNREGULATED INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF BESS SYSTEMS.

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Neutral

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act shall take effect immediately

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION §C4-6 OF THE CHARTER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE YONKERS CITY COUNCIL TO URGE THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY, IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE STANDARDS AND RESOURCES FOR THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MITIGATION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CONTAMINATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER COUNTY

X NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

(Completed by operating department and reviewed by Finance Department or Council Staff)

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: \$0

Total Current Year Revenue: \$0

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain)

Identify Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

Anticipated Savings: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: Minority Leader Breen

Title: _____

Department: City Council

Signature: _____

Reviewed By: _____

DEPARTMENT

Signature: _____

Date: _____



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA-ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS RECOGNIZING TURQUOISE TAKEOVER AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 5-11, 2025 AS LUNG CANCER ACTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF YONKERS

Whereas, Lung Cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related deaths among individuals in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combines; and

Whereas, about every two and a quarter minutes, a person in the U.S. is diagnosed with lung cancer. In 2025, The American Cancer Society's estimates about 226,650 new cases of lung cancer and about 124,730 deaths from lung cancer; and

Whereas, Turquoise Takeover and Lung Cancer Action Week raises awareness for lung cancer and inspire action to defeat the disease; and

Whereas, Lung Cancer screening saves lives, and advocacy and increased awareness will result in more high-risk individuals getting screened; and

Whereas, LUNG FORCE is a national initiative led by the American Lung Association that unites those impacted by lung cancer and their caregivers to stand together against lung cancer; and

Whereas, Through education, advocacy and research, they work to ensure fewer people are diagnosed and those living with lung cancer live longer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Yonkers recognizing Turquoise Takeover and declaring the week of May 5-11, 2025 as Lung Cancer Action Week in the City of Yonkers

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS
RECOGNIZING TURQUOISE TAKEOVER AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF
MAY 5-11, 2025 AS LUNG CANCER ACTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF
YONKERS

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

(Completed by operating department and reviewed by Finance Department or Council Staff)

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: _____

Total Current Year Revenue: _____

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional

Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain)
Identify

Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

Anticipated Savings: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: Hon. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy

Title: Council President

Department: City Council President

Reviewed By: _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SPONSOR'S MEMORANDUM

SPONSOR: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY

TITLE OF BILL: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS
RECOGNIZING TURQUOISE TAKEOVER AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF
MAY 5-11, 2025 AS LUNG CANCER ACTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF
YONKERS

PURPOSE: TO RAISE AWARENESS OF LUNG CANCER AS THE LEADING
CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SCREENING.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: RECOGNIZING TURQUOISE
TAKEOVER AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 5-11, 2025 AS LUNG
CANCER ACTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF YONKERS

JUSTIFICATION:

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: N/A.

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Neutral

EFFECTIVE DATE: This resolution shall take effect immediately.



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA-ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH."

WHEREAS, the mental health and well being of people in the City of Yonkers is a vital issue that affects not only the quality of life, but also the health of communities, families, and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in five adults in the nation (52.9 million persons in 2020), experience a diagnosable mental health condition such as depression, anxiety bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, or post-traumatic stress disorder, in a given year; and

WHEREAS, for approximately one in 25 adults in the nation, a serious mental illness dramatically affects the person's ability to perform major life activities; and

WHEREAS, persons with serious mental illness face an increased risk of having chronic medical conditions and, on average, die 25 years earlier than others due largely to treatable medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 26% of homeless adults in the nation who stay in shelters live with serious mental illness, and a little more than 50% of adults who experience a substance use disorder also have a concurring mental illness; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in five youths 13 to 18 years of age, experience a severe mental disorder at some point in their life and, for children eight to fifteen years of age, the estimate is that 13 % will experience a severe mental disorder, and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of serious mental illness is reported to be higher among woman than men; and

WHEREAS, mental illnesses, such as depression, are the third most common cause of hospitalization in the nation for persons 18 to 44 years of age; and

WHEREAS, despite the widespread existence of mental illness there is nonetheless a stigma attached to the illness; and

WHEREAS, treatment can be effective and recovery possible for mental illness, yet

millions of Americans still do not receive the mental health care they need, with only 41% of adults in the nation with a mental health condition and just over half of children eight to fifteen years of age needed mental health services; and

WHEREAS It is especially important to recognize the importance of mental health during these difficult times brought by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn has negatively affected many people's mental health and created new barriers for those already suffering with mental illness, mental health conditions, and those with other existing chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been Mental Health Awareness Month in the nation since 1949 and raising awareness in the City of Yonkers will help remove the stigma, fear, and misunderstanding about mental illness and thereby encourage treatment by ensuring that those persons in the City of Yonkers who confront mental health issues know that they are not alone, that by seeking mental health treatment is not a sign of weakness but sign of strength, and that by seeking treatment they can recover and live long healthier lives; and

NOW IT BE RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body pause for its deliberations to commemorate and recognize May 2025 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in the City of Yonkers.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION §C4-6 OF THE CHARTER**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 “MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.”

X NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

(Completed by operating department and reviewed by Finance Department or Council Staff)

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: \$0

Total Current Year Revenue: \$0

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain)

Identify Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

Anticipated Savings: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: Hon. Lakisha Collins Bellamy

Title: City Council President

Department: City Council President

Signature: _____

Reviewed By: _____

_____ DEPARTMENT

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SPONSOR'S MEMORANDUM

SPONSOR: ALL COUNCILMEMBERS

TITLE OF BILL: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH"

PURPOSE: To recognize the month of May 2025 as "Mental Health Awareness Month".

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: all re: declaration of May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

JUSTIFICATION: recognition of "Mental Health Awareness" Month.

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: N/A

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Neutral

EFFECTIVE DATE: This resolution shall take effect immediately.



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA-ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS "ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF YONKERS.

WHEREAS, Acknowledging the significance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the City of Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Yonkers together this May pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of our City and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States in May 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the United States at all levels of the Federal Government and in the United States Armed Forces, including;

- (1) Daniel K. Inouye, a Medal of Honor and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient who, as President pro tempore of the Senate, was the highest-ranking Asian-American government official in the history of the United States;
- (2) Dalip Singh Saund, the first Asian-American Congressman;
- (3) Patsy T. Mink, the first woman of color and Asian-American woman to be elected to Congress;
- (4) Hiram L. Fong, the first Asian-American Senator;
- (5) Daniel K. Akaka, the first Senator of Native Hawaiian ancestry;

(6) Norman Y. Mineta, the first Asian-American member of a Presidential cabinet;

(7) Elaine L. Chao, the first Asian-American woman member of a Presidential cabinet; and

(8) Kamala D. Harris, the first woman and the first Asian American to hold the Office of the Vice President;

WHEREAS, celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month provides the people of the City of Yonkers with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of, and to understand the challenges faced by, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;

WHEREAS, recognizes that Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities enhance the rich diversity of and strengthen the City of Yonkers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Yonkers hereby declares May 2025 to be "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month" in the City of Yonkers

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS
 PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS "ASIAN/PACIFIC
 ISLAND AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF
 YONKERS.

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

(Completed by operating department and reviewed by Finance Department or Council Staff)

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: _____

Total Current Year Revenue: _____

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional

Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain)
 Identify

Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

Anticipated Savings: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: Hon. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy

Title: Council President

Department: City Council President

Reviewed By: _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SPONSOR'S MEMORANDUM

SPONSOR: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY

TITLE OF BILL: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS "ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLAND AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF YONKERS.

PURPOSE: To recognize the Asian/Pacific Island American heritage and celebrate their contributions to the City of Yonkers.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: To recognize the Asian/Pacific Island American heritage and celebrate their contributions to the City of Yonkers.

JUSTIFICATION:

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: N/A.

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Neutral

EFFECTIVE DATE: This resolution shall take effect immediately.



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA-ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS OBSERVING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 12th "YONKERS POLICE WEEK" IN THE CITY OF YONKERS

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1961, Congress asked President John F. Kennedy to designate May 13th to honor peace officers. In 1962, President Kennedy declared Peace Officers Memorial Day to be observed on May 13th and recognized May 13th as National Police Week. In 1994, Bill Clinton made an amendment through Public Law 103-322 that directed the United States flag to be flown at half-staff on May 13th in honor of the day; and

WHEREAS, each year during the week of May 12th, National Police Week recognizes law enforcement officers' contributions throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, each day, police officers put on their uniforms, not knowing what the days holds, and answer a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated; and

WHEREAS, police week is directed at honoring the fallen and supporting survivors and their families, with the week-long national observance includes tributes, vigils, seminars, and other important services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council greatly appreciates each law enforcement officer in and their tireless work and unwavering services provided every day throughout the City of Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including 16 members of the Yonkers Police Department; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Yonkers Police Department will be taking part in the national observance of Police Week from May 12th through May 17st with special programs, services, open houses and a ceremony to officially recognize the extraordinary work of the men and women of the Yonkers finest; and

WHEREAS, individuals can participate in National Police Week by honoring fallen peace officers throughout communities and supporting survivors and their families;

and

WHEREAS, other ways you can show your support include: recognizing and supporting the services provided by the Yonkers Police Department and other local police departments; turning on a blue light in support of law enforcement; wearing something blue all week long in support of law enforcement; sharing positive stories about a law enforcement officer you may know; and much more; and

NOW IT BE RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the week of May 12th as National Police Week and to declare the week of May 12th as Yonkers Police Week in the City of Yonkers.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 12TH AS POLICE WEEK

NEUTRAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

(Completed by operating department and reviewed by Finance Department or Council Staff)

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: _____

Total Current Year Revenue: _____

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional

Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain) Identify

Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

Anticipated Savings: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: Hon. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy

Title: City Council President

Department: City Council President

Signature: _____

Reviewed By: _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SPONSOR'S MEMORANDUM

SPONSOR: ALL COUNCILMEMBERS

TITLE OF BILL: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS
DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 12th AS POLICE WEEK

PURPOSE: Recognizing the week of May 13th as Police Week in the City of Yonkers

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: All provisions relating to a special recognition

JUSTIFICATION:

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: N/A.

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Neutral

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act shall take effect IMMEDIATELY



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA-ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 "ALS AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, and known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; making even the simplest movements - walking, speaking, gesturing - nearly impossible; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with more than 6,000 new cases appearing each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every day, with a person losing their battle with the disease every 90 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the average life expectancy of a person with ALS is two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, finding the causes of, and cure for, ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their dignity and lives; and

WHEREAS, aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of those living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Quinn, a native and resident of the City of Yonkers who was diagnosed with ALS in 2013, co-founded the famous ALS Ice Bucket Challenge with his friend and fellow ALS campaigner Pete Frates; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was a tremendous event that raised \$115 million in the summer of 2014 that brought awareness to the devastating disease and helped spur a large increase to the ALS Association's budget to conduct important and impactful research; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2019, Pete Frates unfortunately passed away from the disease at the age of 34; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2020, Patrick Quinn also unfortunately passed away at the age of 37; and

WHEREAS, their legacy will live on in the hearts of the ALS community, and their tireless work to advance research will never be forgotten so that one day, we can create a world without ALS; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Quinn's legacy will forever live on in the City of Yonkers, and his inspiration and courage in his tireless fight with ALS will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of this disease can facilitate the discovery of a cure, and bring much needed attention and dollars for support and services for families in New York State and the City of Yonkers that are dealing with ALS; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated as National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month since 1992, when the United States Senate passed Joint Resolution 174, and has since been observed nationwide year, with events designed to promote research and provide improved support for those coping with the disease and the families who care for them;

NOW IT BE RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month in the City of Yonkers.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 "ALS AWARENESS MONTH"

NEUTRAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

(Completed by operating department and reviewed by Finance Department or Council Staff)

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: _____

Total Current Year Revenue: _____

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain)

Identify Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

Anticipated Savings: Annual Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: Hon. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy

Title: Council President

Department: City Council President

Reviewed By: _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SPONSOR'S MEMORANDUM

SPONSOR: All Councilmembers

TITLE OF BILL: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS
DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 "ALS AWARENESS MONTH"

PURPOSE: Recognizing May 2025 as "ALS Awareness Month"

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: All provisions relating to a special recognition

JUSTIFICATION:

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: N/A.

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Neutral

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act shall take effect IMMEDIATELY



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA-ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS OBSERVING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2025 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN THE CITY OF YONKERS.

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th; and

WHEREAS, May 6th is known as National Nurses Day, and May 12th is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 5.4 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession with New York State accounting for over 270,000 of those registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and
WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the New York State Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6-12, 2025, as National Nurses Week with the theme being “The Power of Nurses” to honor the varying roles of nurses and their positive impact on our lives; and

NOW IT BE RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize National Nurses Week and declaring the week of May 6-12, 2025 as National Nurses Week in the City of Yonkers.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION §C4-6 OF THE CHARTER**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS OBSERVING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2025 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN THE CITY OF YONKERS

X NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

(Completed by operating department and reviewed by Finance Department or Council Staff)

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: \$0

Total Current Year Revenue: \$0

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain)

Identify Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount:\$ _____

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount:\$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

Anticipated Savings: Annual Amount:\$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: Hon. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy

Title: City Council President

Department: Council President

Signature: _____

Reviewed By: _____
_____ DEPARTMENT

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SPONSOR'S MEMORANDUM

SPONSOR: CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY

TITLE OF BILL: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS OBSERVING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2025 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN THE CITY OF YONKERS

PURPOSE: To recognize the week of May 6-12 2025 as National Nurses Week in the City of Yonkers

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: to observe National Nurses Week and to recognize the week of May 6-12, 2025 as National Nurses Week in the City of Yonkers

JUSTIFICATION: To recognize the week of May 6-12, 2025 as National Nurses Week in the City of Yonkers

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: N/A

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Neutral

EFFECTIVE DATE: This resolution shall take effect immediately.



RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLLINS-BELLAMY, MAJORITY LEADER RUBBO, MAJORITY WHIP ROBINSON, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS, PINEDA-ISAAC, DIAZ AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS "JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF YONKERS.

Whereas, Jewish American Heritage Month has its origins in 1980, when Congress enacted a Joint Resolution entitled ``Joint Resolution to authorize and request the President to issue a proclamation designating April 21 through April 28, 1980, as Jewish Heritage Week; and

Whereas, on April 24, 1980, President Carter issued the proclamation for Jewish Heritage Week, and in that proclamation, President Carter spoke about the bountiful contributions made by the Jewish people to the culture and history of the United States; and

Whereas, Congress has played a central role in recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month since the Senate and the House of Representatives passed resolutions in 2006 and 2005, respectively, urging the President to proclaim the national observation of a month recognizing the Jewish American community ;and

Whereas, since 2007, Presidents Bush, Obama, Trump, and Biden have all issued proclamations for Jewish American Heritage Month, which celebrates Jewish Americans and encourages all Americans to learn more about Jewish heritage and the contributions of Jewish people throughout the history of the United States; and

Whereas, people of the United States celebrate the rich history of Jewish people in the United States and the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to society in the United States ;and

Whereas, the United States has long served as a haven for Jewish people escaping from oppression in search of liberty, justice, and tolerance; and

Whereas, the Jewish American community dates back to 1654, when a group of 23 Jewish people, fleeing persecution at the hands of the Portuguese Inquisition, fled Brazil and found refuge in what is now New York City; and

Whereas, Jewish Americans have established deep roots in communities across the United States, and served their neighbors and the United States as loyal and patriotic citizens, always grateful for the safe harbor that the United States has

provided for them; and

Whereas, Jewish Americans have served in government and the military, won Nobel prizes, led universities and corporations, advanced medicine and philanthropy, created and performed in enduring works of performing and visual art, written great novels, become emblems of justice as members of the Supreme Court of the United States, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, as the strength of a society can be measured by how that society celebrates the contributions of its Citizens, it is altogether fitting for the City of Yonkers to recognize the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Yonkers hereby declares May 2025 to be "Jewish American Heritage Month" in the City of Yonkers

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS
PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS "JEWISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH" THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF YONKERS.

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

BUDGET IMPACT

(Completed by operating department and reviewed by Finance Department or Council Staff)

A) General Fund Board of Education Special Revenue fund or District

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost: _____

Total Current Year Revenue: _____

Source of Funds (Check one): Current Appropriations Additional

Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations Fee/Fine/Tax/Other (Explain)

Identify

Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Describe:

Potential Related Revenues: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

Anticipated Savings: Annual

Amount: \$ _____

Current Year:

Next 5 years:

C) FISCAL IMPACT

Potential for additional personnel: _____

Prepared By: Hon. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy

Title: Council President

Department: City Council President

Signature: _____

Reviewed By: _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you need more space, attach additional sheets.

SPONSOR'S MEMORANDUM

SPONSOR: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY

TITLE OF BILL: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS "JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF YONKERS.

PURPOSE: To recognize the Jewish American heritage and celebrate their contributions to the City of Yonkers.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: To recognize the Jewish American heritage and celebrate their contributions to the City of Yonkers.

JUSTIFICATION:

IMPACT OF REGULATION ON BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: N/A.

CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT: N/A.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: N/A.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Neutral

EFFECTIVE DATE: This resolution shall take effect immediately.