***TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER***

***PROCLAMATION HONORING***

***ELIZABETH A. REILLY***

***UPON HER RETIREMENT AS TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER***

***WHEREAS****, the Town Board of the Town of Chester is desirous of recognizing outstanding achievements by citizens of the Chester Community; and*

***WHEREAS****, Elizabeth A. Reilly, better known to us as Betty Ann, is an outstanding citizen who has contributed so much to our community during her tenure as Town Clerk of the Town of Chester; and*

***WHEREAS****, during her long career in public service, Betty Ann has given most generously of her time to everyone who has come in contact with her; she has been the “face” of the Town of Chester for over 24 years as Town Clerk; and*

***WHEREAS****, in her capacity as Town Clerk, Betty Ann served as Clerk to the Town Board through six administrations; Registrar of Vital Statistics as well as Records Access Officer; and*

***WHEREAS****, Betty Ann’s distinguished career in public service began at the Village of Chester where she served as temporary secretary to the Planning Board, Court Clerk to Judge Fred Van Der Meulen, Deputy Clerk under Betty Kreher, and then as the Town of Chester Tax Collector from 1986-1989, Deputy Town Clerk under Barbara Spina from 1989-1990, and Town of Chester Town Clerk from January, 1990 through September, 2014; and*

***WHEREAS****, Betty Ann has been the volunteer coordinator for the Orange County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Program since 1990, sponsored the Santa’s Toy Box Drive for the Orange County Parks Department since 1990, sponsored free rabies clinics in the 1990’s, sponsored children for the Town of Chester Summer Recreation; assisted the Orange County Board of Elections; and*

***WHEREAS****, Betty Ann has been bestowed many honors including the distinction of New York State District 2 Town Clerk of the Year 2009, the Kiwanis Everyday Hero 2010; recipient of the Girl State Award in 1971; and*

***WHEREAS****, Betty Ann’s professional memberships include the New York State Town Clerk’s Association, the Orange/Sullivan Town Clerk’s Association, New York Association of Local Records Officers, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; and*

***WHEREAS*** *Betty Ann has served as Secretary and Vice President to the Orange/Sullivan Town Clerk’s Association, District Director for the New York State Town Clerk’s Association; and*

***WHEREAS*** *Betty Ann’s interest in public service began with Youth in Government in High School, where she was the office girl considered so trustworthy as to be allowed to type final exams, served as summer secretary to the Guidance Counselor and volunteer secretary to the Athletic Director, served as summer counselor of arts & crafts and swimming for the Town of Chester Parks & Recreation; and*

***WHEREAS****, Betty Ann supports local organizations and businesses as a current member of the Chester Republican Party Committee, Chester Cemetery Association Trustee, previous Trustee to the Chester Presbyterian Nursery School, previous Deacon and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Chester; and*

***WHEREAS****, Betty Ann has assisted families in times of need as a volunteer coordinator for the Hurricane Katrina financial drive for the New York State Town Clerk’s Association and the Town of Chester which filled a 55 ft. tractor trailer bound for the affected Parishes of Louisiana; and*

***WHEREAS****, of particular note Betty Ann was most proud to be a participant in the Kiwanis 911 Memorial planning, fundraising and dedication event; and*

***WHEREAS****, members of the community are grateful for her dedication, knowledge and service to all Chester residents; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Betty Ann will be greatly missed but never forgotten, as she retires as Town Clerk from the Town of Chester on September 30, 2014.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED****, that the Town Board joins the members of the Chester community in extending their congratulations and best wishes to Betty Ann Reilly upon her retirement.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** *that this Proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the official proceedings of the Town Board meeting this 24th day of September, 2014.*

***BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD***

***TOWN OF CHESTER***

***Alexander Jamieson***

***Supervisor***