

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO.        63   - 2020**

A RESOLUTION TO CEREMONIALLY DESIGNATE A PORTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS CHARLES LINDBERGH BOULEVARD FROM THE INTERSECTION OF GEOFFREY AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF EARLE OVINGTON BOULEVARD IN UNIONDALE AS “WILLIAM M. WHEELER WAY” AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL CONSPICUOUS SIGNAGE ALONG SAID ROADWAY.

WHEREAS, County Executive Laura Curran and the Legislature of the County of Nassau wish to honor William M. Wheeler, a longtime Hempstead resident and a member of the famed “Tuskegee Airmen” who broke the military’s racial barrier and became the first African Americans to serve as pilots in the United States Army Air Corps, the precursor to the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, it would be a fitting tribute to Mr. Wheeler and the Tuskegee Airmen to ceremonially designate a portion of the County Road known as Charles Lindbergh Boulevard from the intersection of Geoffrey Avenue to the intersection of Earle Ovington Boulevard in Uniondale to be known as “William M. Wheeler Way”; and

WHEREAS, said ceremonial designation is hereby declared a public purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the portion of the County Road known as Charles Lindbergh Boulevard from the intersection of Geoffrey Avenue to the intersection of Earle Ovington Boulevard in Uniondale be known as “William M. Wheeler Way”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is directed to install conspicuous signage along the length of the roadway so ceremonially designating the road “William M. Wheeler Way” and all County agencies and departments are directed to take immediate steps to effectuate this ceremonial designation with signage to be in place no later than September 1, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such ceremonial designation shall not be construed to change the official name of the roadway from Charles Lindbergh Boulevard.