

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 36-2021**

**A RESOLUTION TO CEREMONIALLY DESIGNATE A PORTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS FOREST AVENUE BETWEEN BIRCH HILL ROAD AND BIRCH STREET AS “SGT. ROBERT HENDRIKS WAY”, AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL CONSPICUOUS SIGNAGE ALONG SAID ROADWAY**

WHEREAS, Sgt. Robert Hendriks was born in Glen Cove, NY on March 4, 1994 and attended Locust Valley Schools; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Robert Hendriks joined the Marines Reserves after high school, serving as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, based in Garden City; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Robert Hendriks was killed in action on April 8, 2019 when his armored vehicle struck a roadside bomb near Bagram Airfield north of Kabul in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Robert Hendriks’s bravery and valor serves as an example all citizens can aspire to; and

WHEREAS, Long Island residents wish to keep the memory of this American hero alive for posterity; and

WHEREAS, it is a fitting tribute to ceremonially designate a portion of the County road known as Forest Avenue between Birch Hill Road and Birch Street as “Sgt. Robert Hendriks Way” in honor of the ultimate sacrifice Sgt. Robert Hendriks made for his country; and

WHEREAS, said designation is hereby declared a public purpose; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the portion of the County road known as Forest Avenue between Birch Hill Road and Birch Street shall hereafter be ceremonially designated as “Sgt. Robert Hendriks Way”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is directed to install conspicuous signage along the length of the roadway to ceremonially designate the road “Sgt. Robert Hendriks Way”, and all County agencies and departments are directed to take immediate steps to effectuate this ceremonial designation with signage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such designation shall in no case be construed to change the official name of the roadway from Forest Avenue.

