

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 38 - 2021

A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NASSAU COUNTY, LOCATED IN HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK TO THE “JOYSETTA AND JULIUS PEARSE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NASSAU COUNTY”.

WHEREAS, there is presently a County-owned building known as the African American Museum of Nassau County located in Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau wishes to recognize Joysetta and Julius Pearse who have dedicated their lives to fostering the understanding and appreciation of African American culture and tradition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Pearse are pillars of the community who are known throughout the County for their work in the preservation and promotion of the rich history of African American art, music, culture, and tradition through exhibits and programs held at the African American Museum of Nassau County, as well as their work through the African Atlantic Genealogical Society, founded by Mr. Pearse to help people discover their family’s roots; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County and its residents wish to honor Mr. and Mrs. Pearse for their decades of service to the County, the community, and the mission of the African American Museum of Nassau County by renaming the African American Museum of Nassau County as the “Joysetta and Julius Pearse African American Museum of Nassau County”; and

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

RESOLVED, that the County-owned building known as the African American Museum of Nassau County located in Hempstead, New York is hereby named the “Joysetta and Julius Pearse African American Museum of Nassau County”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is directed to install conspicuous signage so designating the building as the “Joysetta and Julius Pearse African American Museum of Nassau County”. All county agencies and departments are directed to take immediate steps to effectuate this designation with signage. Said signage is to remain in place indefinitely; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this renaming is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.