

RESOLUTION NO. 734 -2018, RENAMING FUCHS POND COUNTY NATURE PRESERVE AS "ALEXANDER G. MCKAY PRESERVE AT CRANBERRY HILL FUCHS POND COUNTY PARK"

WHEREAS, Alexander G. McKay, who served on the Board of Trustees for the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation for forty-one years as the representative from the Town of Huntington, passed away on August 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Alexander G. McKay was an English teacher and department chairman of J. Taylor Finley Junior High School, and a veteran of the United States Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKay was a parks enthusiast, avid bird watcher, nature lover and passionate advocate for the environment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service with the Parks Board of Trustees, Mr. McKay's accomplishments and involvement with the environmental community included his participation with the Review Advisory Committee of the Huntington Environmental Open Space and Park Fund, the Huntington Town Planning Board, the Huntington Audubon Society, the Huntington Oil Spillage Control Board, the Long Island Environmental Council, Save Our Farms, the Eaton's Neck Youth League, the Northport Little League, and the Eaton's Neck Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKay was an active lecturer, speaker and program coordinator for public libraries, garden clubs, as well as environmental, civic and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKay contributed columns, articles and photographs for a variety of publications which featured his views and enthusiasm for the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation and the Suffolk County Legislature wish to acknowledge Mr. McKay's outstanding contribution to Suffolk County Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Review Committee for County Siting of Memorials and Symbols and Naming of County Facilities, Parks and Roads has approved renaming the Fuchs Pond County Nature Preserve in Mr. McKay's honor; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that Fuchs Pond County Nature Preserve, identified as Tax Map Number 400-11-1-32.2 and 400-11-1-32.3, is hereby designated and renamed the "Alexander G. McKay Preserve at Cranberry Hill Fuchs Pond County Park"; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby authorized to install a plaque at the above described property which commemorates the naming of the location as "Alexander G. McKay Preserve at Cranberry Hill Fuchs Pond County Park"; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), New York Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR") §617.5(c)(15), (20), and (27), in that the resolution concerns minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment, routine, or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities, and adoption of a local legislative decision in connection with the same, and since this is a Type II action, the County Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: September 5, 2018

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 24, 2018