

**RESOLUTION NO. 1230-2019, RECOGNIZING THE
PHILANTHROPY OF CHARLES AND HELEN REICHERT AND
PERMANENTLY NAMING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY
VANDERBILT MUSEUM'S PLANETARIUM IN THEIR HONOR**

WHEREAS, local IGA grocery store owner Charles Reichert and his wife Helen are exemplary citizens who have resided in Fort Salonga for over 45 years and who truly want to improve the quality of life for the people of Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Reichert support many non-profit, public institutions and health facilities spanning from Huntington to Southold; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reichert employs community youth looking to obtain their first job, and with his wife Helen, founded the Fort Salonga Market IGA Scholarship, which awards \$6,000 annually to local high school students; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Charles and Helen Reichert Family Foundation pledged to support the mission and programs of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum and its Planetarium; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Foundation purchased a \$100,000 3-D breast tomosynthesis machine for Huntington Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Reichert family donated \$1 million for the construction of a state-of-the-art imaging center in Huntington, which offers diagnostic radiology services; and

WHEREAS, through the years, the Reichert family has donated over \$4 million to many community entities including approximately \$1.2 million to Huntington Hospital; \$1 million to New York State for Nissequogue State Park; and the 20-year agreement with the Vanderbilt Museum is worth approximately \$1.7 million; and

WHEREAS, Charles Reichert was named the 2015 *Times Beacon Record* Newspapers Person of the Year and, in 2016, *The Suffolk Times* Person of the Year for his contributions to Suffolk County communities; and

WHEREAS, there are many more examples of Mr. and Mrs. Reichert's philanthropy including, but not limited to, upgrading the Southold Police communications dispatch center; purchasing new uniforms for local public-school sports teams; restoring the Old Burying Ground in Southold; supporting improvements at the Nissequogue River State Park; funding the reconstruction of the church steeple at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church in Northport; and sponsoring an annual skin cancer screening day; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Board of Trustees support permanently naming the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum's planetarium the "Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium" in recognition of their philanthropic contributions to the Suffolk County Community, and for their long-term commitment to the mission of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum and its Planetarium; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum’s planetarium be permanently named the “Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium”; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: December 17, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 24, 2019