

Proclamation

March 19, 2021

WHEREAS Amy Benerofe, a resident of West Harrison, New York, is the Founder and Executive Director of Our New Way Garden, Inc. (ONWG), a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to "provide community access to healthy organic produce; support local businesses; educate the public about locally and naturally-grown food; and, provide sources of income to youth at a time when opportunities are limited;" and

WHEREAS ONWG's farming activities take place at the *PepsiCo Greenhouse* in Purchase; *New King Street Garden* in White Plains, *Our Farm at Purchase* at a country club in Harrison; and, three schools: Rye Country Day, REACH Academy in West Harrison, and Kenneth Clark Academy in Dobbs Ferry; and

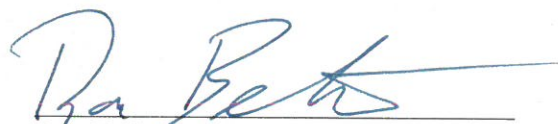
WHEREAS the devastating impact COVID-19 demonstrates the urgent need for a more secure, sustainable, and fair food system that encourages individuals and groups to plant gardens everywhere--on commercial, municipal, and private land--to counteract the challenges of hunger and food insecurity wherever it exists in the world; and

WHEREAS ONWG is well-known for its community-food work: in Harrison the organization up-cycled the pool at Rick's Giving Garden, converting it to a food producing garden for local residents, many of whom receive fruits and vegetables through ONWG's annual donations to food pantries, soup kitchens, and food assistance programs, including Harrison Community Services; and

WHEREAS Amy Benerofe, who has a BA degree in Painting and Art from Stanford University, an Advanced Certificate in Education Sustainability from Manhattanville College, and 20-years' experience as a teacher, deserves recognition for her leadership and service to the Town of Harrison during Women's History Month in March, and

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON BELMONT, SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF HARRISON AND MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF

HARRISON, a Certified Climate Smart Community of 28,000 residents, do solemnly declare that March 19, 2021 is "*Our New Way Garden/Food Health & Food Justice Awareness Day*" in Harrison, New York.



Ron Belmont

Supervisor of the Town of Harrison
Mayor of the Village of Harrison