

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 119 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF QUEENS, NASSAU & SUFFOLK COUNTIES TO USE THE FAIRGROUNDS AT OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION AS A FAIRGROUNDS FOR TEN YEARS FROM 2021 THROUGH 2030 FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PROJECTS FUNDED BY GRANTS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has awarded the Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau & Suffolk Counties (“Ag Society”) grants through the Agricultural Fairgrounds Infrastructure Improvement Program to repair, rehabilitate and improve the buildings on the fairgrounds at Old Bethpage Village Restoration, 1303 Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage, New York 11804 (“the Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Ag Society has partnered with the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums for the past 49 years in presenting the Long Island Fair at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the grants require a municipal resolution authorizing the recipient to use the fairgrounds at the Property as a fairgrounds for five years following completion of the associated grant work; and

WHEREAS, the grants are annual awards of \$96,153 which require no County matching funds; and

WHEREAS, each annual grant has a five-year work completion window and requires a five-year use allowance after completion of the work for each grant; and

WHEREAS, the grants will fund approximately \$384,612 of needed repair work and improvements to the Exhibition Hall and other structures at the Property that otherwise would not be performed or would need to be funded by Nassau County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the Ag Society to use the fairgrounds at the Property for ten years from 2021 through 2030 following the completion of repairs, improvements and other projects funded by the grants from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

