



City of Framingham

Resolution
May 24, 2022

WHEREAS Anne R. Murphy has for 17 years provided inspiring leadership as Executive Director of the Framingham History Center;

WHEREAS Ms. Murphy's singular focus on celebrating Framingham's rich history has transformed the organization from a small historical society into a vibrant history center whose exhibits and events provide invaluable perspective on our community life, past and present, and instill pride in our community;

WHEREAS Ms. Murphy has led our community's efforts to develop and market our arts and cultural strengths, by helping to launch the MetroWest Tourism & Visitors Bureau, the Framingham Center Common Cultural District, and the Framingham START Partnership;

WHEREAS Ms. Murphy has exhibited tireless energy and enthusiasm in leading the wildly successful 2009 online voting for the National Trust for Historic Preservation contest that led to an American Express grant of \$100,000 to restore the windows at the Edgell Memorial Library;

WHEREAS Ms. Murphy's persistence and personal excitement about this program brought a renewed sense of pride and community building that led to Framingham receiving 170,000 votes, which went far beyond anything anyone could have imagined;

WHEREAS Ms. Murphy has been responsible for securing nearly \$1 million in grants from corporations, foundations, and individuals to match the town's investment in these buildings since 2008;

WHEREAS Ms. Murphy helped to transform the Framingham Historical Society into a more welcoming and community-oriented History Center with regular programming that promotes the vibrant history of the City of Framingham;

WHEREAS Ms. Murphy leaves the Framingham History Center having established a solid financial position; an increasingly diverse group of engaged participants, donors, and volunteers; and a staff recognized for its expertise and collegiality;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of the City of Framingham do hereby congratulate and honor ANNE R. MURPHY on her retirement and offer our gratitude for her community service.

ANNE R. MURPHY RETIREMENT FROM FRAMINGHAM HISTORICAL CENTER

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Attested to by:

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