



City of Framingham

Resolution

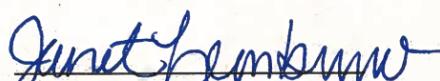
March 21, 2023

- Whereas,** The Framingham Garden Club was organized in 1932 and admitted to the State Federation in 1933 and is now one of over 170 garden clubs in the Commonwealth of MA; and
- Whereas,** their mission is education, conservation, and beautification as they relate to design, horticulture, and gardening in our community; and
- Whereas,** they are members in good standing of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.; and
- Whereas,** their membership is currently at 87 members; and
- Whereas,** for over 30 years they have taught floral design classes at multiple senior living facilities in our community; and
- Whereas,** for almost 20 years they have designed, built, and maintained the Chapel Garden at Cushing Memorial Park; and
- Whereas,** in 2012 they began a revitalization of Nobscot Park and created the Pollinator Garden utilizing native plants to attract bees and butterflies and build a healthy, more sustainable landscape; and
- Whereas,** they are responsible for the continued renewal and maintenance of the park at historic Saxonville Dam; and
- Whereas,** Framingham Garden Club Members work with the local Conservation Commission to help clear Framingham public spaces of invasive plant species; and
- Whereas,** The Framingham Garden Club is the Commonwealth's largest financial contributor to the National Garden Club's Penny Pines program that aids reforestation throughout the nation; and
- Whereas,** Members represent Framingham in the broader community by participating in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts annual *Art in Bloom* show, and the Worcester Art Museum's *Flora in Winter* exhibit each year; and
- Whereas,** in 2019 they collaborated with the Framingham History Center to stage an *Artifacts in Bloom* exhibition creating floral arrangements to interpret artifacts from the FHC's extensive collection; and
- Whereas,** each December they hold their *Greens Sale* as a fundraiser to support educational scholarships to Framingham high school students who plan to study environmental science and related fields; and whose members create all the wreaths, swags, baskets, and centerpieces for the weekend long sale; and
- Whereas,** each May they hold their *Plant Sale* the Saturday before Mother's Day offering member grown perennials with proceeds benefiting their scholarship program; and
- Whereas,** the Covid-19 pandemic was a catalyst for change that focused the adaptability and creativity of Framingham Garden Club members, resulting in greater community outreach, membership growth, and fundraising results.

Now Therefore, on this first day of Spring, March 21, 2023,

In recognition of their 90 years of service to our Framingham community, we recognize the Framingham Garden Club to be an asset and enhancement to the wellbeing of all Framingham residents and beautification of our natural space for people and pollinators, and we urge all residents to take cognizance of this and participate fittingly in its observance.


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District Councilor 6 & Chair


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Councilor-at-Large & Vice-Chair

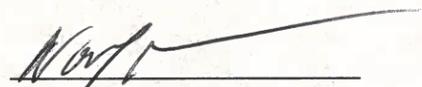

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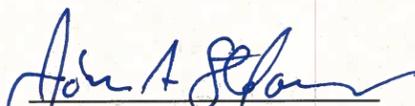

Cesar Stewart-Morales
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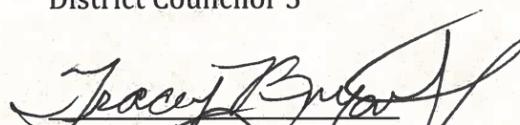

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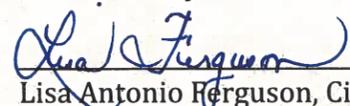

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Attested to by:


Lisa Antonio Ferguson, City Clerk

