TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee has reviewed the attached "Act naming the Westchester County Archives and Records Center, located at 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, NY 10523, the 'Andrew J. Spano Westchester County Archives and Records Center".

Your Committee recognizes that Andrew J. Spano, a long-time resident of Westchester County, became Westchester's seventh County Executive on January 1, 1998 and was re-elected to office in November 2001 and November 2005. Before coming to government, Mr. Spano spent 25 years in public education where he distinguished himself as a teacher, counselor, and administrator, serving children with special needs. He was one of the founders of the United Federation of Teachers in New York City. From 1982 through 1994, Mr. Spano was Westchester County Clerk. Mr. Spano was also president of County Executives of America, an organization representing the interests of counties nationwide. After his time as County Executive, Mr. Spano served as Commissioner of the New York State Board of Elections from 2014-2024.

Your Committee recognizes that as County Executive, Mr. Spano initiated dozens of programs to improve the quality of life in Westchester: Programs that protect the environment, encourage affordable housing, combat domestic violence and enhance the security and safety of all county residents. A protector of the environment, Mr. Spano preserved 2,300 acres of open space from Yonkers to Yorktown and instituted programs to protect water quality. He tripled, to \$30 million, the County's New Homes Land Acquisition Fund, which helped builders of affordable housing overcome the high cost of land.

Your Committee also recognizes that during his time as County Clerk. Mr. Spano, expanded the County's record management program to include an archive, and to digitize the County's most critical records. Further, as County Executive, Mr. Spano continued this work, helping to shepherd the creation of the County's Virtual Archives, and the renovation of the Center.

Your Committee has received correspondence from the County Executive requesting that we dedicate the Westchester County Archives and Records Center to the Andrew J. Spano Westchester

County Archives and Records Center, in honor of Mr. Spano's dedication to public service within the County of Westchester.

As you know, this Honorable Board must comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). The proposed act does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 8, 2024, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends the adoption of this Act.

Dated: MARCH 7, 2025

White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

Public Works + Transportation

Dated: March 7, 2025 White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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ACT NO.

-2024

An Act naming the
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NY, the "Andrew J. Spano
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BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The Westchester County Archives and Records Center, located at 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, County of Westchester, State of New York, shall be and hereby is named the Andrew J. Spano Westchester County Archives and Record Center.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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