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**TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

With much foresight, 33 years ago on October 2, 1979, former Councilman Robert F. Ruger recommended the establishment of a City Committee specifically charged with removing attitudinal and architectural barriers to assist our less mobile citizens with easier access in all aspects of everyday life.

More recent times have broadened our knowledge that individuals are not disabled, but can be challenged in everyday life with various disabilities. In order to embrace the more current verbiage when referring to people with disabilities, attached is a resolution recommending the renaming of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Disabled to the Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Roach, Mayor

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**RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE "MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED" TO THE "MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES."**

WHEREAS, on October 2, 1979 a resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of White Plains establishing the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Disabled; and

WHEREAS, the purpose specified as a continuing need for coordinating and expending the efforts of the City with those organizations concerned with the welfare of people with disabilities and impaired mobility, continues to exist; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of the Committee to the Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities would be recognizing the more current verbiage in use with referring to people with disabilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Common Council does hereby rename the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Disabled to the Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities, composed of not more than ten (10) persons and a Chairman selected by the Mayor for a three-year term. Said Committee shall have the following purposes among others:

1. To increase public understanding relating to the needs of people with disabilities.
2. To work for the elimination of attitudinal and architectural barriers.
3. To establish a liaison between said Committee and other agencies and services acting as advocates for people with disabilities.
4. To make studies of requirements of people with disabilities in the City, and make such recommendations to the Common Council as it may deem advisable.
5. To take such steps and propose such programs as will enhance the lives of our citizens living with disabilities.