

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 2018

RESOLUTION HONORING SARA ELIZABETH ACHORN MISS NEW BEDFORD 2018

WHEREAS, The Miss New Bedford Pageant is the official preliminary to the Miss America Pageant, which is the largest single source of scholarships for young women in the world; and

WHEREAS, Since 1954, when the New Bedford Jaycees began sponsoring the Miss New Bedford Pageant, the young women who compete for the crown of Miss New Bedford have always been intelligent, articulate, talented, hardworking and wonderful ambassadors of young women, who are motivated to succeed by choosing platforms that make a great contribution to our local community and promote public service; and

WHEREAS, For over sixty years, The Miss New Bedford Pageant has advanced the continued education of pageant contestants through the generous granting of scholarship awards and has provided an arena for young women from the Greater New Bedford area the opportunity to advocate for causes that are of importance to them; and

WHEREAS, Sara Achorn, the daughter of Carl and Jennifer Achorn of Rochester, Massachusetts is the 65th young woman to hold the title of Miss New Bedford; and

WHEREAS, As a result of her being selected as Miss New Bedford 2018, Sara Achorn was the recipient of a \$6,500.00 dollar scholarship, which she utilized to help pay her tuition at Bridgewater State University where she is currently enrolled as Sophomore, majoring in Special Education and Music; and

WHEREAS, Sara Achorn has an amazing voice that was breathtaking during the talent competition of the Miss New Bedford Pageant and was also recognized when she represented the City of New Bedford at the Miss Massachusetts State Pageant where she received the *Most Talented Non-Finalist Award*;

WHEREAS, At the Miss Massachusetts State Pageant, Sara Achorn, also was presented with The *Miracle Maker Award* ,for her fundraising efforts on behalf of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals where she raised close to \$4000.00; and

WHEREAS, Sara Achorn has been an active and vibrant part of our City since the beginning her reign as Miss New Bedford 2018, making over ninety community appearances this past year while balancing a busy school schedule and volunteering her time for such organizations as New Bedford Public Schools, City of New Bedford, WFHN, the YWCA and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Bedford; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **SARA ELIZABETH ACHORN**, for her year of service as **MISS NEW BEDFORD 2018**, thanks her for representing our City so well, congratulates her on her many accomplishments during her year-long reign and wishes her much luck and success in the future.