

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2019

RESOLUTION HONORING THE NEW BEDFORD LIONS CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 85TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Lions Club was chartered on December 18, 1934, by Lions Club International; and

WHEREAS, During the past 85 years, the New Bedford Lions Club has provided eyeglasses and hearing aids to those residents of New Bedford with limited or no income; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that the Club has provided over 1500 eyeglasses to the residents of New Bedford and over 200 hearing aids since the Lions International added hearing issues to its cause; and

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Lions Club has raised and donated almost \$100,000.00 dollars for Massachusetts Lions Eye Research (MLER) along with almost \$300,000 for the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), both organizations use the money to combat blindness and eye disease, conduct diabetes research and provides seed money to obtain grant funding necessary for research; and

WHEREAS, Several members of the New Bedford Lions Club have been elected to lead the District which New Bedford is a part of and the multiple Districts that comprise Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, A New Bedford resident has been elected to serve on the International Board and a New Bedford resident will lead the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation in the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Lions Club has provided numerous charitable services to the visual and hearing-impaired citizens of New Bedford; and

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Lions Club have answered Helen Keller's request to be her Knights of the Blind and will meet on Saturday, April 06, 2019, at the Century House in Acushnet, Massachusetts, to celebrate their 85th anniversary and look forward to the next 85 years of service to the visual and hearing-impaired citizens of New Bedford:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **THE NEW BEDFORD LIONS CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 85TH ANNIVERSARY**, commends them for their long history of charitable public service, thanks them for continuing in the spirit of the generations that preceded them, and wishes them continued success in the future.