

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 12, 2019

RESOLUTION HONORING DANA REBEIRO, COUNCILLOR WARD FOUR

WHEREAS, Dana Rebeiro was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts to her parents, Frank "Parky" Grace and Marsha Rebeiro, who raised and taught her to become a strong, independent individual who cares about and works on behalf of all people; and

WHEREAS, Dana Rebeiro graduated from Brimmer and May School in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts and went on to study and graduate from Howard University in Washington, D.C., with a Major in Literature and Double Minor in Communications and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Soon after completing school, Dana Rebeiro left home to pursue her aspirations in New York City, where she interned as an Assistant to the Director on a feature film entitled, *Fresh*, and was soon thereafter working as a Production Assistant on the Box Office smash, *Die Hard With A Vengeance*; and

WHEREAS, Dana Rebeiro continued to work as a Production Assistant on several films, music videos, commercials and TV shows, eventually moving to California to work as a Media Liaison for a production company that produced and promoted major concert events; and upon returning to New York City, Dana worked as a freelance writer and produced a Hip-Hop showcase entitled *Underground Railroad*, and also served as an Associate Producer for a small radio station, all the while embarking on many magnificent journeys to Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Japan, Greece, Cuba and Costa Rica; and

WHEREAS, Dana Rebeiro made the decision to return home to New Bedford, Massachusetts where she vowed to make a positive difference in the lives of the City's residents and, on November 5, 2013, was elected to the New Bedford City Council to represent the constituents of Ward Four; and

WHEREAS, Through her empathy, willingness to listen to opposing viewpoints and ability to make decisions based on sound principles, Ward Four City Councillor Dana Rebeiro has indeed made a positive impact on the City she loves while, over the course of her six year tenure, has Chaired the Committees on Internal Affairs, Fisheries and the Special Committee on Environmental Affairs, has headed the Mayor's Youth Council, the School Traffic Committee and the Condominium Review Board and is currently a member of the Committees on Appointments & Briefings, Finance, Ordinances (as Vice-Chair), Public Safety & Neighborhoods, the Special Committee on Cannabis Regulation & Host Community Agreement Review and the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being an elected official, Councillor Dana Rebeiro has formerly served as the "Communities of Color Outreach" Director for the Massachusetts State Democratic Party, working to increase voter participation amongst underrepresented populations, create opportunities for the poor and working class by attracting new business and encouraging job growth in Cities like New Bedford, thereby strengthening communities throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Having consistently and openly voiced her opinion that term limits are necessary for democracy to thrive, Ward Four Councillor Dana Rebeiro has kept her promise to not seek re-election to a consecutive fourth term in Office, choosing instead to graciously pass on what she has learned to her successor while pursuing a Master's Degree and a full-time career in business and advocacy for civil liberties in the City of New Bedford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors and thanks **DANA REBEIRO, COUNCILLOR WARD FOUR**, for her service to the City of New Bedford, her hard work on behalf of the constituents of her Ward and wishes her all the best in her business ventures and future endeavors.